

## Violence spreads to Karachi

# 222 killed in ethnic clashes



The remains of a burning bus sit in a street after ethnic violence rocked Karachi. (Reuters wirephoto)

**SEOUL.** Oct 1. (Reuters): Medals table after the 15th day of the Olympics (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):  
Soviet Union 54 29 46  
East Germany 37 34 30  
United States 34 28 27  
West Germany 11 14 14  
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South Korea 10 10 11  
Romania 7 10 6  
China 5 11 12  
France 5 4 6  
Kenya 5 1 2  
Italy 4 4 4  
Japan 4 3 7  
Australia 3 5 5  
Yugoslavia 3 4 5  
Czechoslovakia 3 3 2  
New Zealand 3 2 8  
Poland 2 5 9  
Norway 2 3 0  
Canada 2 2 5  
Netherlands 2 2 5  
Denmark 2 1 1  
Brazil 1 2 3  
Finland 1 1 2  
Spain 1 1 2  
Turkey 1 0 0  
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Portugal 1 0 0  
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### Curfew

Both cities were reported calm today after authorities imposed a curfew overnight.

### Security

The MQM demanded the sacking of the Sind provincial government, for failing to provide security for the people.

The Sind chief minister, Akbar Ali Kazi, flew to Hyderabad today and the official radio reported that the city of half a

million people was "calm and under control." Troops have been ordered to shoot curfew violators on sight.

"These acts of violence are of those who drive inspiration from a powerful lobby across the borders," Kazi said.

Kazi ordered a judicial inquiry, but named no country. In the past, Pakistani authorities have accused neighbouring India of interfering in Sind, a charge denied by New Delhi.

Witnesses and hospital sources said hundreds of Mohajirs, enraged by the reports of the massacre, attacked Sindhi homes in eastern Karachi. At least 51 people were killed and scores injured in ensuing gunbattles.

Groups of Mohajirs also tried to block traffic in the centre of the city. When police arrived, clashes broke out and six were killed, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Rioters also torched buses, cars and motorcycles as the violence spread to other areas of the city in the afternoon.

### Hell

Ali Hassan, a local resident of Hyderabad, who saw the violence, said, "It was hell."

"The markets were full of people... when bullets were sprayed, from a moving car. There was panic and people started running for shelter," he said.

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## Palestinians call 3-day strike in Hebron

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM.** Oct 1. (Reuters): Palestinians in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron began a three-day strike today in mourning over the deaths of two Palestinians killed in clashes the previous day.

Residents described the atmosphere as tense in the ancient town as Arab shops and transport closed and security sources said Jewish settlers armed with stones smashed the windows of several Arab cars.

Hebron, a centre of Palestinian nationalism to its 80,000 Arab residents and ultra-nationalist Zionism to the 200 Jews who live among them, was closed to the press for the second straight day and part of it was under curfew.

### Incidents

Residents called the strike after troops killed two Palestinians yesterday in incidents sparked by clashes between stone-throwing Arabs and Israeli residents who fired guns.

More than 50 people were hurt when a helicopter dropped tear gas on a nationalist funeral for one of the dead Palestinians, and Arab residents said two teenagers were slightly injured by Army gunfire during clashes that continued into the night.

About 50 Palestinian women staged a sit-in at the Red Cross building to protest against the killings.

At least 288 Palestinians and six Israelis have died in a 10-month uprising against Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

In the past week troops have shot dead eight and wounded at least 125 Palestinians — nearly as many as in the first three weeks of September, according to United Nations relief agency statistics.

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## Gorbachev elected President

## Soviet leader takes full control of party and government

**MOSCOW.** Oct 1. (UPI): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a sweeping reorganisation of government and politics yesterday and today, ousted enemies, promoted loyalists and assumed the title of President, taking full control of the Communist Party and the government.

Four members of the ruling Politburo were either ousted or retired and the number-two man, Yegor Ligachev, a rival of Gorbachev, stripped of the all-important ideology portfolio.

In his first speech as President, Gorbachev said his programme of perestroika had entered a crucial phase and that, under his leadership, the previously toothless Parliament would assume an active role in Soviet domestic and foreign policy.

"Perestroika has entered a new and crucial phase," Gorbachev told the 1,500 delegates attending the one-hour session of Parliament. He said successful economic change and an end to "the distortions and twisting of the principles of socialism" would lead the nation to a modern level.

### Important

"Along with dealing with the more important domestic policy issues, the nation's legislature will be definitely more active in implementing Soviet foreign policies," Gorbachev said in a televised speech.

The Supreme Soviet also appointed deputy KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov to replace Viktor Chebrikov as head of the secret police, the Tass news agency said. Chebrikov retained his full-voting status in the Politburo.

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## 4 killed in Iraqi tug explosions in Gulf

**LONDON.** Oct 1. (Reuters): Four sailors were killed and 11 injured when two Iraqi tugs sank following a series of mystery explosions in the Umm Qasr waterway in the northern Gulf three weeks ago, Lloyd's List International reported today.

The shipping newspaper said the incident, which went unreported until yesterday, took place while the tugs were patrolling the waterway and was the first report of shipping casualties in the Gulf since Iraq and Iran agreed a ceasefire on Aug 20.

Lloyd's quoted Gulf sources as saying both vessels were owned by an Iraqi state company which was not identified. The sources speculated the blasts were caused by mines laid by Iran before the ceasefire although there was no firm evidence to support the theory.

### Effort

The incident had not hindered Iraq's effort to clear the Khor Al-Zubair/Umm Qasr area of the many vessels trapped during the eight years of war, the specialist newspaper added. Eight vessels have been cleared from the area and a further five remain trapped, it said.

Lloyd's quoted one source in the Gulf as suggesting the incident was unpublicised because Iraq did not want to jeopardise sensitive peace negotiations with Iran.

It said the incident could have repercussions on the London war risk insurance market because Umm Qasr had been reopened to commercial vessels.

### Canadian polls

**OTTAWA.** Oct 1. (Reuters): Conservative Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, putting his controversial free trade agreement with the United States on the line, today announced a general election for Nov 21.

Mulroney's widely-expected announcement came two days after the latest public opinion poll showed that the conservatives could win a majority over the opposition Liberals and New Democratic Party.

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HH the Amir was received yesterday at the airport by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad.

## Amir returns

**KUWAIT.** Oct 1. (KUNA): HH the Amir returned home at 5 pm today after delivering a speech at the UN headquarters as Chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference during the 43rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Amir and the accompanying delegation, stopped on his

way home at the Spanish island of Majorca.

The Amir was received at the Kuwait International Airport by the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, head of the National Guards, Sheikh Salem Al Ali, and other senior officials.

## Iran, Iraq express cautious optimism

**UNITED NATIONS.** Oct 1. (AP): Iran and Iraq's foreign ministers offered no hint of progress in their deadlocked peace talks, but both expressed cautious optimism about the negotiations on the eve of their face-to-face meeting today.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will advance proposals in an effort to break the stalemate, said Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, who met separately with the two foreign ministers yesterday.

Perez de Cuellar and his special representative to the talks, Swedish UN Ambassador Jan K. Eliasson, also held separate meetings yesterday evening with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

### Deadlock

The two are to meet this afternoon for the first round of direct talks between Aziz and Velayati since the last series of stalled negotiations ended in Geneva on Sept 13. The meeting will be held under airtight security.

When the Geneva talks halted, Iraq demanded that the next step must be that the Shatt Al Arab waterway dividing the two

countries be cleared of sunken ships and silt so it is navigable again. The waterway is Iraq's only outlet to the Gulf.

Iraq insisted that the remaining provisions of Security Council Resolution 598 of 1987 must be implemented before other issues are dealt with.

The two belligerents have observed a truce since Aug 20, the first provision of Resolution 598. Five days later, the two countries opened the peace talks, another provision of the resolution.

### Deadlock

The remaining requirements of 598 call for withdrawal of forces to the border, which is generally where the forces are now located; exchange of prisoners of war; continued peace talks to settle their differences; and appointment of an impartial commission to apportion blame for the outbreak of the war.

Papoulias said after his meeting with Velayati and Aziz yesterday that he discussed the war with both men.

"Efforts have been undertaken on the part of the secretary-general to resolve the deadlock that has evolved in the area, and always there is hope

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## US Congress drops sanctions against Iraq

**WASHINGTON.** Oct 1. (AP): Congress approved a \$14.3-billion compromise foreign aid bill and sent it to President Reagan after stripping out provisions that would have imposed punitive economic sanctions against Iraq for its alleged use of poison gas against the nation's Kurdish minority.

The House of Representatives dropped the measure at the last minute, axing in yesterday's shuffle was relieved as vice-president of the Parliament.

"Mikhail Gorbachev, General Secretary of the CPSU central committee, was unanimously elected today President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR," the Tass news agency said.

### Reforms

#### Important

#### Incidents

#### Residents

#### Incidents

## Nigeria marks birthday

LAGOS, Oct 1, (Reuters): Nigeria confirmed the poor state of government finances today but allocated extra funds to raise health and education standards.

Growing concern about the quickening inflation rate and the soaring balance of payments deficit was reflected in General Ibrahim Babangida's generally sombre speech marking the country's 28th birthday.

"The reality of our national financial resources compels us to put some brake on our budgetary commitment," the military President said in Abuja, the future inland capital.

Low prices for crude oil, the mainstay of Nigeria's economy, have played havoc with the 1988 budget and Babangida said spending cuts had to be made.

### Hungry

But after a week when the World Bank announced that 14 million of Nigeria's 100 million people go hungry every day, he promised action to protect the most vulnerable groups from the effects of harsh economic policies.

An extra 100 million naira (\$22 million) will be spent on drugs in hospitals, text-books in schools and to improve child nutrition.

With the oil boom of the early 1980s now just a bitter memory, Nigeria is celebrating its independence from Britain in a low and self-critical key.

The Nigerian Tribune suggested the past year has been the worst ever.

"The quality of life fell more sharply than ever before unemployment persists among young, agile and willing people starvation is on the increase ... the majority is at its wits' end," the daily commented yesterday.

## Snowfalls trap foreigners in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India, Oct 1, (Reuters): About 40 foreign climbers and trekkers have been trapped by heavy early snowfalls in Kashmir and Ladakh, officials in the north Indian region said today.

They said Indian Air Force helicopters brought out five people from the Zanskar area of eastern Kashmir today, but bad weather curtailed search attempts for 39 more.

Those rescued included a Belgian, but the officials said no further details were available immediately.

### Trekkers

Climbers including eight Poles and six Americans were among those trapped by the snows, and seven Swiss trekkers were overdue in Pahalgam. In the southeast of the Kashmir valley, the officials said.

In the lower parts of Kashmir, heavy rains triggered floods and landslides, cutting most of the region's main roads and killing about 70 people.

The floods hit three other northern states over the past week and about 370 people died, the Indian government said.

### Bomb blast

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 1, (Reuters): Four powerful explosions damaged buildings in two South African cities on Friday, police said.

A police report today said the explosions at coloured (mixed race) suburbs caused no injuries.

## Reagan portrays Dukakis as far out liberal

WASHINGTON, Oct 1 (AP): President Reagan campaigned for his Vice-President yesterday, portraying Democratic contender Michael Dukakis as "liberal, liberal, liberal."

Speaking to an audience of 1,200 at a Polish social hall in southwest Chicago, the President suggested that Dukakis' performance in last Sunday's debate was "just like an ACLU member. He didn't have a

much to say about Dukakis' membership in the ACLU, which was widely regarded to support liberal causes. It is part of a Republican strategy to paint the Massachusetts governor as a liberal, which American voters perceive to be the extreme left.

Questioning the positions of the ACLU, Reagan added: "You recall a few years back, political figures had to disassociate themselves from groups on the right with far-out views. Isn't it now time for responsible people to do the same thing with far-out groups on the left?"

### Better

Dukakis and Bush raided each other's homes yesterday, Dukakis accusing his Republican rival of pursuing an agricultural policy of "the fewer

farmers the better" and Bush swooping into Massachusetts to collect more endorsements from police who serve under the Democrat.

Dukakis told a farm rally in Idalou, a small community in Bush's adopted state of Texas, that the Vice-President "doesn't see the pain in rural America." He vowed to devote \$100 million for investment in rural areas if elected.

Bush, meanwhile, made the second raid of Dukakis' home turf in a week to pick up police endorsements. Eight days after he won the backing of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, the Vice-President yesterday made a hasty schedule change to accept the endorsement in Springfield, Massachusetts, of two municipal police unions.

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He said 10 to 15 cars and jeeps opened fire in about 30 different parts of the city at the same time.

Hassan said the targets included public gatherings, a wedding, movie houses and bus stops.

He said sirens wailed as ambulances raced through the streets ferrying the dead and wounded to hospitals.

"It was a very well-planned attack and executed with perfection," Hassan said.

Ismail Baloch, a fish merchant and wounded survivor of the Karachi bus attack, said he and about 19 other Sindhis were riding from their village to the main harbour when armed Mohajirs stopped their bus near Karachi airport.

"They just started firing through windows and doors," he said from his bed at the city's Jinnah Hospital.

### Conspiracy

Authorities responded in both cities by calling in Army troops with machine-gun mounted jeeps and armoured personnel carriers.

Meanwhile, opposition leaders blamed the violence on a conspiracy to block the democratic process in the nation.

"It appears a particular group as part of a calculated scheme is trying to create conditions suitable for the reimposition of martial law," Professor Ghafur Ahmed, deputy chairman of the right-wing Jamaat-i-Islami Party, said in a statement.

A group carried out the shooting in Hyderabad and Laiqabad so that Nov 16 elections cannot be held," said Shah Farid-ul-Haq, Vice-President of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Pakistan.

### Appealed

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, chairwoman of the opposition Pakistan People's Party, appealed in a statement late yesterday for people to "remain calm and not get provoked by the conspiratorial elements who for their ends want to pit brother against brother."

Any major unrest in the country could prompt the government to postpone the elections, which were called in July by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious Aug 17 plane crash that also killed much of the country's top military officers.

## Space shuttle crew to work on experiments

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HOUSTON, Oct 1, (Reuters): The crew of the space shuttle Discovery was set today to resume a light workload and practice for re-entry after a relatively trouble-free flight.

The mission is being touted as a near-perfect return to flight by the American-manned space programme, grounded since the Challenger disaster.

"We know that the answer is 'don't rush it,'" Shaw said of the problem. He added that NASA officials may decide to test the system today or wait until re-entry to turn it on.

**Faith**  
knowing if the system is clear without actually using it.

The flash evaporator system is normally used during lift-off and re-entry when the shuttle's huge door radiators are stowed and turned off.

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### Faith

The only other significant problem during this mission was resolved yesterday when a television dish antenna — not essential to the flight — was stowed away after it failed to align itself properly.

The mission's third day will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the founding of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA spokesman Ed Campion said no commemorative ceremony is planned.

The Discovery's success so far has been hailed as the rebirth of the US space programme after the Challenger exploded seconds after lift-off on January 28, 1986, killing all seven crew members aboard.

## Benn challenges for Labour leadership

LONDON, Oct 1, (AP): The Labour Party starts its annual convention tomorrow with a leadership challenge by Tony Benn, doyen of the radical left, that has re-opened divisions in the socialist movement.

Nobody doubts that party leader Neil Kinnock will shrug off the bid by Benn, a former energy secretary whose opposition to capitalism mirrors Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's crusade against socialism.

Benn's six-month campaign has underlined the divide between moderates and radicals and forced Kinnock into reaffirming Labour's pledge to ban nuclear weapons — a vote-winning policy he had tried to dump.

Benn, 63, an aristocrat who renounced his hereditary title, sees his challenge as the last

chance to block major proposed policy changes which will shift Labour toward the centre.

Kinnock, 46, regards the policy overhaul as the only hope of averting a fourth consecutive election defeat by Mrs Thatcher's Conservatives. The changes, announced in the spring, will be debated for the first time at this year's week-long convention at Blackpool, in northwest England.

While Benn is seeking to unseat Kinnock, two other leftists, Eric Heffer and John Prescott, are running against the party's moderate deputy leader, Roy Hattersley. Hattersley is also likely to be re-elected, but in a closer contest.

Voting takes place tomorrow evening, with results due the next night.

Benn sees the policy review as a betrayal of principles, telling a news conference yesterday: "In my opinion, socialism will be abandoned and power will be centralised."

Kinnock sees the overhaul as relating policy of the "facts of life."

"It is the realism that says when you have been defeated three times, then it is your duty to look at yourselves, to review your policies, to consider your positions," he said recently.

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## Film on Lennon is honest portrait, says Ono

LOS ANGELES, Oct 1, (Reuters): Yoko Ono, the widow of rock star John Lennon, said yesterday that a new documentary about the former Beatle was painful for her to see but painted a complete and accurate portrait of her husband.

"I tried to control my emotions and see it from an objective point of view, but obviously it was very painful for me," she told reporters at a news conference to promote the film, "Imagine: John Lennon."

But she added that the documentary, which will be released on Oct 7, had her complete endorsement.

"It is John. He was a very complex person and all aspects of his emotions and his life have been covered. You will see from all different angles what John really was about," she added.

### Portrays

Ono's media advisor asked reporters not to question her about a controversial new biography — "The Lives of John Lennon" by Albert Goldman — which portrays the musician as a bisexual and drug addict who spent his last years as an anorexic



Yoko Ono poses for photographers during a ceremony along the Hollywood Walk of Fame on behalf of her late husband John Lennon. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Liverpool

Solt said the surviving three Beatles had seen the film.

After the news conference, Ono unveiled a star commemorating Lennon at home and in the studio that had not been released before. The narration consists of

## Mobutu accepts invitation to visit Pretoria

## Botha goes wooing black Africa

GBADOLITE, Zaire, Oct 1, (Reuters): South Africa launched its most ambitious diplomatic initiative in black Africa today when President P.W. Botha flew to a remote jungle palace in northwest Zaire.

Botha, whose country has long been shunned by black-ruling states because of its apartheid race policies, met President Mobutu Sese Seko for talks on Angola's civil war and independence for southern Africa's ruled Namibia.

**Visitors**  
Botha said Mobutu had accepted an invitation to visit Pretoria at a date yet to be fixed.

"We see peace for all Africa," Botha said as he was greeted by Mobutu, who sported traditional leopard skin cap and serpent-headed cane.

The visit put relations between

Kinshasa and Pretoria "on a new path," Mobutu told reporters after two hours of talks.

The meeting, the first between the two leaders, was held in the marble-lined palace at Gbadolite, Mobutu's ancestral village now described by visitors as a Versailles in the jungle.

At the same time, in nearby Gabon, three black African presidents held a parallel summit in southern Africa. The leaders of Gabon, Congo and Congo met in Franceville to discuss how to end the war between Angola's Marxist government and Western-backed UNITA rebels who have waged a 13-year guerrilla campaign reflecting superpower rivalry in Africa.

The two summits were held against a background of slow-moving peace talks involving South Africa, Angola and Cuba

whose delegations have met seven times since May, most recently this week in Brazzaville.

### Mediation

They are seeking with US mediation the withdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and the implementation of long-delayed independence for neighbouring Namibia. Botha requested the one-day meeting with Mobutu and was also invited for more business talks by Angola of letting Zaire be used as a UNITA base and supply route.

Pretoria is the main backer of UNITA — Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — which also receives US support.

Pretoria hopes the talks will lead to an unprecedented African summit between Botha and up to six African leaders.

## Soviet leader takes control of party and government

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In the shuffle, Vadim Medvedev became one of 12 full-voting members of the Politburo, sidelining the usual practice of serving as a candidate, or non-voting member.

Full Politburo member Mikhail Solomentsev, 70, and candidate members Vladimir Dolgikh, 63 and Demichev, 70 were ousted in the shake-up.

### Ideology

Anatoly Dobrynin, 68, former Soviet ambassador to the United States for 24 years and head of the Communist Party Central Committee's international department was also retired at his own request.

Vladimir Ligachev, was made

chairman of a new central committee commission overseeing agriculture. He retains his seat on the Politburo but his impact on party direction may have been severely curtailed.

Since Gorbachev assumed power the average age of the Politburo has declined from just under 70 years of age to 62 years.

While Medvedev moved up to the Politburo as a full member, Minister of Internal Affairs, Alexander Vlasov, 56, Lukyanov and Alexandra Biryukova, 59, were all moved up to non-voting status on the Politburo. There are now eight non-voting positions.

Biryukova becomes the first woman to serve on the Politburo in 27 years.

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## Reagan denies US bargaining for hostages

## INTERNATIONAL

### Back-to-work deadline nears

## Burma returning to normal

RANGOON, Oct 1. (Reuters): Burma's military rulers daily describe a nation getting busily back to work as their Monday deadline nears for an end to strikes, but diplomats say things have gone too far for a complete return to normal.

"I think people will go back to work on Monday because they have to, because they are afraid," a Western ambassador said. But, he said, discontent would erupt again.

Fifty per cent of workers at state enterprises and civil service offices went to their jobs yesterday, another diplomat estimated, adding that many were returning just to try to collect September's wages.

"People are going in to get their pay, signing on as if they have attended work, then going back on strike," a third diplomat said. "Tuesday will be the first day when we will see whether the strike is resumed, after people have been paid."

Official Radio Rangoon's news broadcasts are filled with

reports of military officers who now head government departments congratulating returning workers and offering words of encouragement.

One report said the Health Minister met nurses this week and told them to be non-political and ethical.

"Nurses should respond politely and in a refined manner when security men, who are doing their duty, interrogate them," he was quoted as saying.

Nurses were mowed down by army gunfire in front of Rangoon General Hospital on Aug 11 as they aided pro-democracy protesters injured in a military attempt to suppress dissent.

August's violence triggered massive demonstrations and strikes in almost every industry and government department.

A military takeover on Sept 18 violently ended the demonstrations, but the strikes continue and diplomats say hatred engendered by the Army's use of arms against civilians will prevent any

attempt to get people working normally again.

Diplomats say the takeover was a false coup designed to suppress revolt and keep Burma's old guard militaristic socialist rulers, and their chief, Ne Win, in power.

Thousands, most of them unarmed demonstrators, were killed in the crackdowns in August and September.

"There's enormous hatred," the Western ambassador said.

"What happened in August and then even on a worse scale in recent days will not be forgotten for a long time. They will have very far-reaching effects."

Ban

Burma's military rulers, backed by a show of force with troops and armoured cars, banned government employee unions and radical student groups that have led strikes and demonstrations demanding democracy, official Rangoon Radio said.

The radio said yesterday the banning decree was issued to

stop "disunity and dissension ... and a breakdown of discipline" and was meant "to systematically supervise and control the formation of associations and organisations."

Dozens of new state employee unions, student groups and neighbourhood associations have sprung up in the past three months to lead the fight to replace Burma's authoritarian regime with an interim government to hold democratic elections.

The banning decree was issued on a day of mixed signals from the government. Opposition leaders said yesterday that the government had offered to meet with them, even as a column of troops and armoured cars moved through the capital in a show of force.

The decree bans all organisations that include members of the civil service, the defence forces or state boards and corporations or a stipulation that covers the vast majority of non-farm workers in Burma's socialist economy.



Burmese students train with M-16 assault rifles at a Karen guerrilla camp near the border. (Reuter wirephoto)

### First anniversary of Tibet unrest

## Police seal centre of Lhasa

BEIJING, Oct 1. (Reuters): Two hundred Chinese police armed with staves, shields and steel helmets sealed off the centre of Lhasa today, the first anniversary of a bloody riot, by Tibetans calling for independence from China.

Westerners in the city said police stopped residents from entering Barkhor square, where stone-throwing crowds battled police armed with automatic weapons a year ago, and warned foreign tourists they would be arrested unless they kept away.

Police also patrolled the Octagonal alley around the nearby Jokhang temple, walking in the opposite direction to the constant stream of pilgrims which circles the shrine, the sour-

ces said.

China in June announced the founding of a special police detachment in Tibet to prevent riots and separatist agitation.

Most private shopkeepers

closed their premises for the day fearing fresh unrest, the sources said. Oct 1 is also the 39th anniversary of the founding of communist China and a national holiday.

#### Monks

Lhasa authorities have this week appeared nervous of further trouble on the anniversary of the riot, in which a police station was razed and several people killed, some of them policemen and others protesters shot by the retribution of formal ranks to the Chinese military this year.

### US woman scales Mount Everest

KATHMANDU, Oct 1. (UPI): Stacy Marie Allison, a construction worker from Oregon, became the first American woman to scale Mount Everest, the Ministry of Tourism said today.

The ministry, which authorises Himalayan expeditions, said Allison, 30, reached the 29,028-foot (8,847 m) summit on Thursday, having followed the normal southeast ridge approach.

Allison, who began her climb on Aug 22 was accompanied by sherpa guide Pasang Gyalzen, 26, the announcement said.

She was part of the 11-member northwest American Everest expedition led by James Frush, 38, an attorney from Seattle.

## Oslo police arrest four Palestinians

OSLO, Oct 1. (Reuters): Four Palestinians and a Syrian have been arrested in Norway on charges of entering the country under false pretences, Oslo police said today.

Inspector Tor Skrivarhang, who led the operation, was quoted by the daily Aftenposten as saying the police suspected that the five men intended to build a "terrorist cell" linked to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The Arabs, said to be in their early 20s, have not been named. Police said they were arrested several weeks ago.

"We strongly suspect that they were going to build up a cell that could have struck at any time," Skrivarhang told Aftenposten.

He suggested that the five could have been involved in a long-term plan to launch an attack during the 1994 Winter Olympics, which are to be held in Lillehammer north of Oslo.

The five had applied for political asylum on arrival in Norway earlier this year, Skrivarhang said. But police raided their flats and found forged identity papers and equipment to make more.

Aftenposten known for its excellent police and intelligence contacts, quoted unnamed sources as saying that the four Palestinians were active members of the Al Fatah faction of the PLO.

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## Saudi king expresses hope for lasting peace

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (KUNA): King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia expressed hope that the ceasefire and direct talks between Iraq and Iran are "true and sincere beginnings" of permanent peace in the region.

The king's statement was read in the UN General Assembly yesterday by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

The king also said he hopes these two developments indicate a "systematic change" in Iran's policy in the region.

The peace talks between the Iraqi and Iranian foreign ministers are to resume here today, under UN auspices.

Discussing Afghanistan, King Fahd said he deplores the reported violations of Pakistani airspace by the Kabul regime, and expressed appreciation to the Pakistani government for its humanitarian role in the conflict.

Turning to the question of Palestine and the Middle East, the king said it is clear that Israeli violence has only reinforced the Palestinians' determination.

"The logical result of the impossibility of things remaining as they are, is the need for movement toward change," the Saudi ruler said.

### North-South

King Fahd also told the assembly as current chairman of the Gulf Co-operation Council he has sent messages to the leaders of the permanent member states of the Security Council saying that these developments require a re-evaluation of the situation in a more realistic way.

He called for the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East as the ideal means to reach a solution. Turning to North-South rela-

tions, King Fahd said he deplores the continued deterioration of economic conditions in the developing countries.

He called upon the industrialised states to stop protectionist tendencies and eliminate the barriers they have established on their imports from developing states.

"It is clear that some industrialised states are seeking to deprive the developing countries of many of the trade preferences required by their development circumstances," King Fahd said.

While emphasising the importance of expediting debt relief measures for the developing countries, the king also stressed the importance of eliminating customs and administrative barriers, and of giving developing countries the opportunity to promote their exports to the industrialised states.

The talks are expected to lead to improved relations between the two countries. Sheikh Sabah pointed out that Kuwait-Iranian relations have never been

## Agent sees brighter future for local real estate market

By Jadranka Porter

TWO months ago, Syed Banooori of the Bushra Real Estate Est. received an interesting package. Two Kuwaiti homeowners who wished to rent out their properties sent Banooori the photographs of their houses for rent.

Banooori rejoiced. "I've been waiting for this for years."

While some agents who barely stayed afloat during the recession hope for an upsurge in the real estate business, Banooori worries about professional standards. He believes the two go hand-in-hand.

He would like to see the real estate agents in Kuwait adopt at least what are considered to be minimal requirements in markets with long history. This may have just started happening.

After nine years in the business during which he has dealt with some 2,000 landlords, the two who supplied him with the photographs have shown that they understand what real estate business is all about — service rather than just easy money, said Banooori.

Banooori has also managed to convince another five property owners to deal with one agent only.

This is a sizeable achievement in the market which knows few rules and regulations, and where landlords are anxious to make a fast rental deal with as many agents as possible. This causes confusion, with agents never being quite sure whether the property is still available. Clients are often taken to the same house by different agents, that is when the key, usually kept by the landlord, is available.

### Contradictions

Kuwait's real estate market is full of contradictions. For example, when the market was boor-ing there were few agents to handle the business. When the market slumped real estate offices mushroomed. The number is now running into hundreds, with many offices being just a one-man operation.

According to official reports there are some 30,000 empty flats in Kuwait. On the other hand, there are waiting lists for some

upmarket properties such as the Zahra residential complex where rents range from KD650 to KD850.

Most real estate agents are keen on having European clients. Few succeed, according to Banooori, who says 90 per cent of his clients are Europeans.

The Europeans are in demand because their housing allowances are comparatively high and they put practical considerations before luxury.

But they also demand a wide range of facilities and maintenance service, something one-man outfits cannot offer.

### Variables

A number of property owners have set up real estate agencies to rent their own houses and flats. Among these are Sultan Real Estate which looks after the Zahra Complex and Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium which rents out flats in 14 buildings it owns.

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## GOING PLACES

## A fusion of north-south Indian dance culture

By Fathima Ahmed

A TALE in the Puranas, a 7th century Sanskrit book, tells the story of a king who wanted to learn icon-making to become a proper devotee. When the king went to a sage, he was asked to study painting, dance, instrumental music and vocal music before studying icon-making. The deceptively simple story reveals the basic nature of Indian art, that is linked to religious thought and is fundamentally inter-related in spirit, thought, content, form and technique.

This was, once again, seen at last week's two-day Indian classical dance festival held at the Indian Arts Circle.

In Kuwait, Indian dance forms are still in their infancy. Nubile girls, more than thousand, we were told by IAC President M.M. Mathews, are training to join the ranks of exponents of classical dance. Some 100 children, from 12 dance groups, seem to be on their way to learn the art forms — both abhinaya (expressive dance) and pure dance. Pure dance simply displays the grace of a body in movement; abhinaya (expression) more often than not tells a story, undoubtedly based on mythology, legend or religion.

Selected examples of both dance forms were presented by the eager, enthusiastic dancers who did their best to fuse the dance culture of the north and



Beena Sharma/kathak

south of India. To a degree, they succeeded in contrasting the sharp cultural anomaly prevalent in India. Yet, there was a distinct homogenous flavour — being Indian, and a part of that culture. From the north came a riotous burst of song and dance, as the bhangra



A Gujarati dance number. (Photos by Raed Qutaini)

with poise and confidence. Her command of the fleeting foot movements as she spun and swirled, and facial expressions, were all the more remarkable because the dancer went on stage after an absence of 16 years. Months of intensive training in India seemed to have paid off for Beena.

A total of 39 dance items were presented at the two-day festival.

Members of the audience found some numbers rather tedious due to sheer length — some dances lasted more than 18 minutes — tiring the dancers and the audience. Several dances were also repeated — for example tillana, variations of which were presented four times on Friday night. Though the audience appreciated the effort of the performers, they felt that more variety was called for.

The festival was opened on Thursday by Indian Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha. A traditional lamp was lit, setting the pace for the temple dances that followed after the one-hour speech-giving ceremony. The speakers, in addition to Sinha, included M.M. Mathews and Farook Abdul Aziz of the Kuwait Cine Club.

It was organized by the National Art Theatre of India's Abroad (Nata), bringing together rival dance groups on the same stage. As Sina put it Nata "deserves

the highspot of the festival was kathak (story telling), a dance which originated in temples, later blending two dance forms — Persian and Indian. In the 16th century kathak was absorbed by courtesans performing at Rajput and Mughal courts. At that time, critics say, kathak deteriorated from "pure art" to "pure entertainment." Whether it lost its purity is debatable but it certainly improved as an art intricate foot movements, bhavam (facial expression), body movement and complex rhythm. In recent years, kathak is getting back some of its originality. "The outlook has changed and we are going back to traditionalism," says Beena Sharma, a kathak exponent who performed at the festival.

A pupil of Pandit Sunder Prasad of the Japuri Gharana (school) and Guru Devilal, Beena danced for 20 minutes

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Bengali Play OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre. The Moucharak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Puran Rupakatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr. Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

HOTELS

At the Meridian La Brasserie: Thursday's Jam Session, foot tapping jazz music by Remy D'Mello; Family fun on Fridays; oriental buffet with music and video cartoons.

Versailles: lunch and dinner — grilled seafood; meat or fish fondue; grilled salmon.

Al Wahab: Thursday: Tony's jam session, music; good and lively atmosphere.

Friday: family brunch.

Finger Tea Lounge: banana promotion; plus tea, coffee, refreshments and juices served in Oriental atmosphere of tea lounge.

At the Kuwait Plaza

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice cream festival; light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday. Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelit dinner.

At the Kuwait Plaza

NOV 4: Start of the Messiah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome.

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GOAN FIESTA 88

OCT 13: 8.30 pm, Messiah Beach Hotel, Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association.

Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For reservations phone Tom — 2421434; Wilson — 2416298; Tony — 3985040; Almeida — 4813740.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim  
9.45 News followed by Good Morning  
10.00 Darb Al Zalac: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussain Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufeedi.

10.45 News Summary  
11.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris.

12.00 Believe It or Not  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/Close-down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Ra'd Al Amlaq: cartoon serial  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children

## 5.45 Nazrat Alal Alam: cultural film

6.00 La Isha Illallab: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushan Taufiq, Huda Sultan.

7.00 Songs and Music  
7.30 Diwaniyah Shura Al Nabi: poetry session

8.30 Good Evening: daily roundup of local events.

8.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Rayah Al Baidah: Arabic serial, starring Sana Jamil, Jamil Rateb, Samiya Al Alfi, Sayyed Ziyani.

10.45 Sandoqq Aghani: a local variety show

11.35 News Summary  
11.40 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Close-down

## KTV 2

## 6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Thundercats: cartoons  
6.30 Fast Forward: a look at latest computer games.

7.00 Fire Raisers: new series for children.

7.30 Challenge: this series examines the natural and supernatural

8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Flying Doctors.

9.30 Hooperman: new police thriller.

10.00 She is the Sheriff: "Unsafe At Any Speed." The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.

10.30 Best-Seller.

11.30 News in Brief

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

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## NIGHT CHEMIST

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THERE is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come —  
Victor Hugo. French writer (1802-1885).

## World applauds Amir's speech

FOR many years, there has not been an Arab figure on the United Nations platform like that of the Amir of Kuwait and chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

This Islamic and Arab personality won admiration and applause from the representatives of all nations through his address. Indeed, it was an extraordinary one. It began with an explanation of "In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious and Merciful", which signifies the fulfilment of a pledge and complete dependence on the power of Almighty Allah.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's words reflect the true face of Islam, which is one of tolerance and compassion. They also affirm Islam's awareness of hardship and struggle in the human condition and acknowledge the need of people for peaceful and secure living.

Through his address, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed wanted to tell the whole world that true Islam is vastly different from the distorted picture presented by its opponents.

It is not a religion of exploitation, nor is it a religion of disputes, fighting and terrorism. It is a religion of brotherhood and co-operation.

It is a religion of love and affection of man for his fellows wherever they are.

The entire world applauded Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's address because it clarified Islam and its principles. Such an explanation, delivered in straightforward language, is perhaps the first of its kind to be presented at the United Nations and is exactly what Islam's one billion followers have been waiting for, to rectify the unbalanced view of the rest of the world has of the philosophy of Islam.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's speech also earned acclaim for both himself and his country and furthermore presented practical solutions to such issues as the debt crisis.

There now remains the follow-up to the proposals in the address. If Kuwait, for example, succeeds in reducing debts in the Third World, it will also mean that it has succeeded in applying the message of Islam, which calls upon creditors not to pressure indebted parties.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah returned to Kuwait yesterday after having given a clear example of how a small country like Kuwait can present wise solutions to the world. Such solutions are all too obvious to others, but may nevertheless be ignored.

Our present world is one where big fish eat little fish, yet there is still talk of concern for human rights and equality among nations.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Poland unstable without Solidarity

By Eric Bourne

VIENNA: For the first time since 1980, Poles from government and opposition have talked — in Lech Wałęsa's old phrase — as "Poles to Poles" and managed to reach an agreement.

Despite the obstacles, it was inevitable. Moderates on both sides have said so for the past three years.

"Sooner or later we must talk ... Solidarity was a national movement. Sooner or later, the authorities will have to accept it," Wałęsa told this writer in August 1985. Subsequently, two senior government members said the same thing — privately.

But, at critical moments mutual intransigence always got in the way. Often the government was most to blame. Despite much evidence to the contrary, it kept up its pretence that Solidarity leader Wałęsa was an "ordinary private citizen" and leader of a "former trade union" with whom dealings were impossible.

But recent strikes by miners in the south and port workers in the north have driven home the point that there is no way to get Poland back on its feet without taking Solidarity into account.

So the government has done a U-turn, and Interior Minister Czesław Kiszczak met with that "unperson" Lech Wałęsa. In its way, the meeting was as historic as when the government and Wałęsa reached the original Solidarity accord on Aug. 31, 1980.

### Stopages

The government desperately needed an end to stoppages sapping its export-vital coal-mining industry. But the workers wanted not just pay awards to match soaring prices but also — and unequivocally — the outlawed trade union's legal reinstatement. Both sides won, in the sense that neither lost main objectives. The Solidarity leader subsequently called off the strikes — though not without difficulties with a post-1980 "second generation" of young militants — in return for a pledge that round-table discussions on the country's future will include that of Solidarity itself.

But whether the hope raised by this turn of events is longer than the euphoria attending

## Movements growing beyond reach of traditional national institutions

## New approaches to international relations necessary

By David D. Newsom

WASHINGTON: In a world that may see movements growing beyond the reach of traditional national institutions, created out of the bitterness of nihilistic youth, and threats to the human condition beyond national boundaries, new approaches to international relations may be necessary. The struggle between the Soviet Union and the West may become less central as both camps look over their shoulders at circumstances outside their experience.

The United States has successfully maintained its position in the world without paying major attention to what others were saying or caring. As a Kenyan writer has said, "Americans have had their hearing aid turned off." The hearing aid has indeed been turned off — not only to what others were saying, but to much of what US diplomats have been

saying as well. Now potential trends of change, terrorism, disintegration, and violence no longer allow that luxury.

### Defend

Despite a casual if not occasionally hostile national attitude toward diplomacy, the representatives of the US have established access and respect around the world. They have learned difficult languages and have become experts in newly important regions. They have negotiated difficult agreements in the national interest. They have explained and defended policies and rounded off the rough edges of unpopular US actions. But diplomacy cannot be totally separated from the attitudes and priorities of a nation. The reports of the most astute observer of a foreign scene are of little value if unread or discounted.

US diplomats must live with democracy's anomalies, explain

them, and enthusiastically defend them. The process can work; it has in the past. Diplomacy in American democracy will continue to be vulnerable to different voices, to the competition for credibility with a free press and legislature, and to the inefficient consultation on policies with fellow democracies. To recommend that these aspects be changed is to recommend the destruction of democracy.

If change is required, it must be in the attitude toward other nations and their interests on the part of the American people and leaders. In a world that may be increasingly chaotic and threatening, democratic leaders cannot afford illusions of influence where influence does not exist; they cannot afford the search for more comforting assessments when confronted with unpleasant news. The luxury of ideology, whether from the left or the right, cannot be

permitted to drive out an objective, professional approach to the conduct of relations with other countries. The issues are too serious.

The world is not prepared to tolerate indefinitely an insensitive and overbearing US just because of what the country may represent. The result will be less American influence on critical international issues, greater hostility for the US abroad, and less security for the nation.

### Tolerate

Confronted with the prospect of serious reverses abroad, Americans like to suggest international reorganizations of the policy process or a more strident information effort. These are not answers. The answer lies in policies that can be coherently explained and defended. Diplomacy can then add the needed skills of implementation in the knowledge of other cultures, the skill of negotiation, the

art of persuasion, and the power to observe the report.

Diplomacy is neither a capricious luxury nor an outmoded anachronism; it is and must remain vital to the security of the nation. In a world growing ever more complex, the warning, the skills, and the advice of the diplomat are an indispensable insurance against disaster.

American diplomats must continue to listen to other societies, to sense the differences and the similarities. In so doing they can do what many Americans have so often done: convey an interest in another people, another culture, without losing the perspective of the outsider.

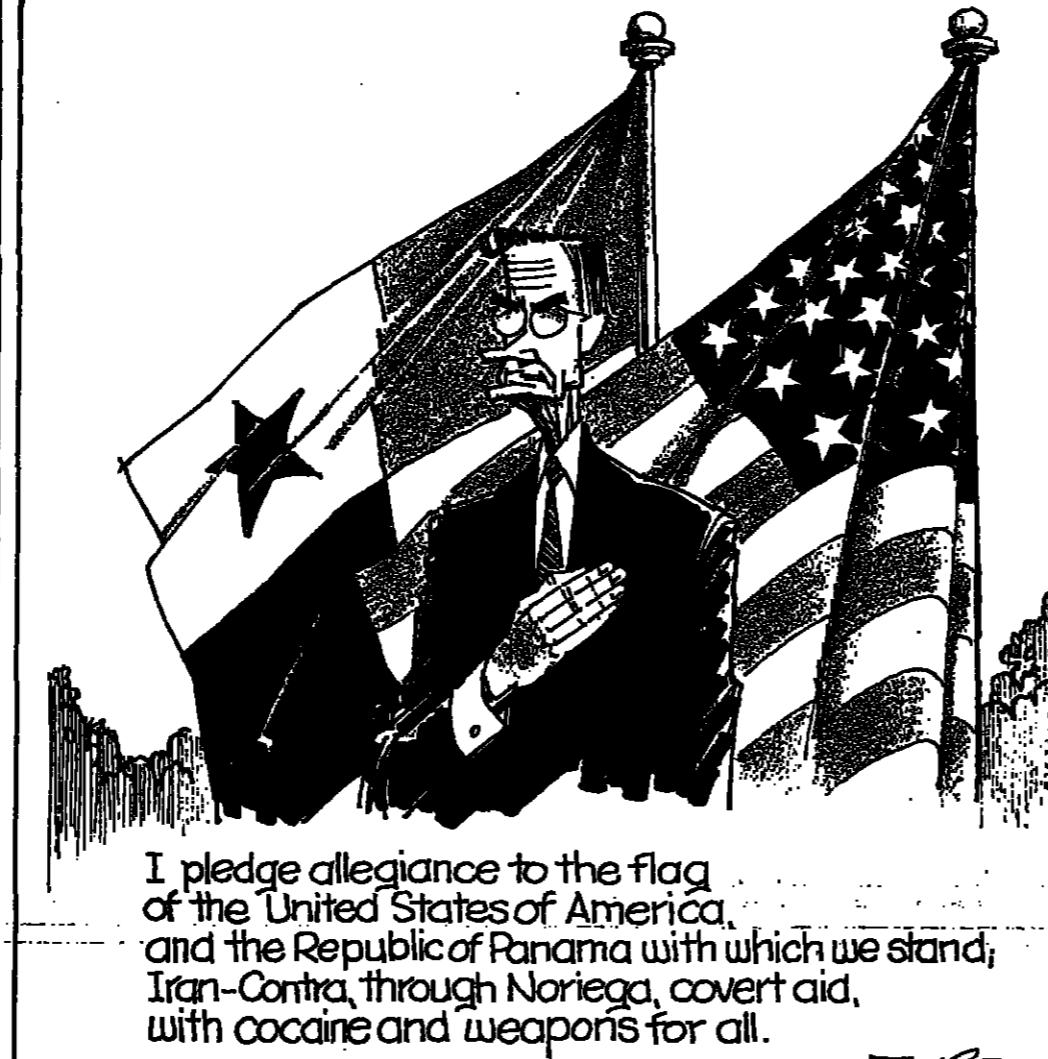
### Erupt

More and more in the future, as the world occasionally erupts and fragments, the diplomat will need a balanced sense of those eruptions, the interests of the American nation involved, and the opportunities that may exist

to contribute to peace. Diplomatic adversaries will be tough, aggressive, devious, and resolute. The American diplomats will require even more patience and a stronger sense of perspective. Americans have, in the past, effectively demonstrated both.

Although major conflict has been avoided, the world today is far from friendly. The US must pursue its interests in an arena of both friends and adversaries, but with the knowledge that it still remains for the greater part of the world's people a symbol of hope and freedom. Leadership in Washington can create the policies that will give meaning to national objectives, but the implementation of those policies will depend upon the skills of men and women prepared to accept the responsibilities and the risks and to pursue the art of diplomacy.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



By Kurt M. Campbell

WASHINGTON: Mikhail Gorbachev's drive to forge the Soviet state into a modern society marks the decline of the contiguous and internal Soviet empire.

The internal nationalities conquered by the Bolsheviks and the Eastern European satellites secured by Stalin are all beginning to test the slack in the system created by glasnost. Conservative Kremlin planners fear that isolated incidents of unrest or acts of Soviet restraint could trigger trouble elsewhere. The Soviets now face labour unrest in Poland, ethnic rivalry between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and military humiliation in Afghanistan; these could act as catalysts for unrest in the Soviet Union and East Europe.

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the horizon.

Traditionally, the Soviets have proudly sponsored anticolonial movements in the Third World while clamping the lid on any stirring sense of nationhood within their own country or sphere of influence. But the very decolonization process sought by Lenin for the empires of the West is now under way inside the hidden empires of the East.

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Soviet empire problems do not end in Eastern Europe; they reach inside the USSR. The Soviets are the inheritors of a domestic patchwork of nationalities that have chafed under Russian rule since the time of the czars. To the west of Moscow, the Baltic states see the under-Soviet domination, ever resentful of the pact between Hitler and Stalin which consigned their independence to the dusty pages of bourgeois histories.

**Fa**r south from the Kremlin corridors of power are the suddenly explosive communities of Orthodox Armenians and Islamic Azerbaijanis in the Caucasus. Following the border east are the Muslim republics of Central Asia, where populations and religious fervor are multiplying. These nationalities are attempting to ride the domestic wave of perestroika toward greater autonomy, and in some cases independence.

The exercises were part of the annual autumn reforger series, designed to test how quickly the United States could rush forces to the European front line in a crisis.

**Tragedy**  
Organisers say this year's exercise is the largest ever held but, as a result of greater caution, has been one of the least destructive.

"Manoeuvre damage is a very sensitive issue," public relations officer Major Larry Shea told Reuters. "We're not here to tear up Germany, we're actually here to prevent that from happening. We want to be able to come back next year."

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Carbon-dating test results awaited by Vatican

# Is the Turin Shroud a fake?

By Terry Leonard

ROME, (AP): A few weeks from now, scientists may be ready to resolve a debate that has raged for centuries: could a piece of cloth bearing the faint, blood-stained image of a whipped and crucified man be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ?

Believers have long maintained that the linen, which is kept in the Cathedral of San Giovanni in Turin, is Jesus' burial cloth.

Others dismiss it as a clever forgery. The shroud made headlines in late summer when a Cambridge University professor contended that recent tests at Oxford proved the cloth was a fraud.

But the office of the Archbishop of Turin quickly cautioned that the results aren't in yet from the latest round of testing. Scientists say the tests can't prove that the shroud belonged to Jesus, but they could show conclusively whether the shroud is from a completely different historical period and therefore had nothing to do with Christ.

Officials at the Vatican say it could be only a few weeks before they receive the results of the scientists' carbon-14 testing of snippets of the shroud.

## Claim

The Roman Catholic church does not claim the shroud as a holy relic and says that even a result showing it to be about 2,000 years old would not prove the image is that of Jesus.

"Of course we would like very much for there to be a high probability that this is the burial cloth of Jesus, but if it does not turn out to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ we won't love Jesus less or believe in him less," said Professor Luigi Gonella, the scientific advisor to the Archbishop of Turin.

Gonella said in an interview that the church considers the shroud a "cherished object" and treats it with respect because it could be genuine.

"The church understands it will never know if it is the actual, burial cloth of Jesus," Gonella



The face on the shroud: clever forgery or the image of Christ?

said earlier. "The church is aware there is a big historical gap, and it is also aware this historical gap will never be filled satisfactorily."

He said the church will release the scientists' findings as quickly as possible through the Vatican press office.

The shroud, 14 feet 3 inches (434 centimetres) long and 3 feet 7 inches (109 centimetres) wide, bears a faint yellowish image of both the front and back of a man's body. Blood stains are visible around the wrists, forearms and head. These recall Biblical descriptions of the wounds of Christ, who, the New Testament says, was whipped, crowned with a garland of thorns, nailed to a cross and speared.

On April 21, the shroud was

lifted from a silver chest on an altar of Turin's cathedral. Removed from its red silk wrapping, it was carefully stretched out under the watchful eyes of Cardinal Anastasio Ballesterro, the Archbishop of Turin, while a small piece was snipped from the cloth.

The 0.4 inch-by-2.8 inch (1 centimetre-by-7 centimetre) strip was then cut into three smaller pieces for the laboratories chosen to conduct the carbon-14 tests: Oxford, the University of Arizona in the United States and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at the University of Zurich.

In late August, Richard Luckett of Cambridge University contended that the shroud was a forgery.

But Professor Edward Hall, director of the archaeology research laboratory at Oxford, said Luckett was only guessing and that the results of the testing were still secret.

Said Gonella: "We are very annoyed ... I have never been involved in a scientific venture where so much attention was paid to publicity ... where a professor at one university is commenting on the results of work being done at another university."

"We are very annoyed because, with the publicity, people think we already know the results, that we are not telling because we are writing a theological response. We don't know the results," he said.

The tests were conducted as a triple-blind study, with each lab getting one piece of the shroud and another piece of cloth of a known age. The labs were not to know which was which, but the shroud has a distinctive herringbone pattern that might be detected if the pieces were examined closely before they were used in the test.

French crusader Robert of Clari mentioned seeing the shroud in 1203 in Constantinople at the imperial palace, but the first actual record of the cloth traces it to Lirey, France, in 1354.

Maternal bond: the Duchess of York with Princess Beatrice, fifth in line to the British throne.

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI): Fergie calls her "Beetroot," which is a highly informal way of saying that the Duchess of York has given her new princess a nickname typical of her breezy style.

It is barely conceivable that weeks-old Princess Beatrice of York — born Aug. 8 — could be Britain's queen some day. She is fifth in line to the throne. But her red-haired mother, the irrepressible former Sarah Ferguson, never stands on ceremony.

"Oh, you mean little Beetroot," she said the other day when the Rev. David Bush asked about Beatrice's health at a wedding Fergie attended. "She's fine."

The beet-coloured princess — Fergie didn't say if the nickname comes from her hair colour or the shade she turns when she cries — is also getting used to being left with only nanny Alison Wardley's company.

The baby's father, Prince Andrew, flew back to his Royal Navy ship in the Pacific only 15 days after Beatrice's birth. His "compassionate leave" was just long enough to take the new baby's official photographs and bestow the names Beatrice Elizabeth Mary.

'Fergie,' as the Duchess of York is still universally called, had to register the birth herself.

## After Duchess Fergie, it's princess beetroot!

— which she didn't do until Sept. 12, when Beatrice was 36 days old, six days before the legal limit.

Naturally she did so unconventionally.

"Step into my bedroom, please," she told startled regisiter Sheila Kettle.

"I've registered births in some pretty weird places, but this beat the lot," said Kettle.

"I was expecting to complete the form in an office, not an intimate royal bedroom." Fergie spread out the official form on a small dressing table beside a bed covered in fluffy toys.

"I was asked into the bedroom because her sitting room was full of what appeared to be fashion experts," Kettle said.

Inadvertantly she had interrupted preparations for a tour of Australia which the Duchess is now undertaking with Andrew — but without Beatrice.

Some British newspaper said Fergie and Andrew argued about taking the baby on the 10-day Australian tour. She said yes, he said no, according to these gossipy reports.

The decision was "no." But Fergie "aims to keep in touch with every gurgle and coo."

from the baby Princess at each stop on the tour, says one gossip columnist.

"In addition to carefully timed phone calls when the baby Yorklet will be held up to the receiver," said columnist Ross Benson, "Nanny Wardley has been given careful tuition in how to use Prince Andrew's much-prized video camera to record ... every bubble the mite blows."

The resulting videos will be flown to Australia in diplomatic bags.

The Duchess also left Beatrice behind when she flew to London on a sad occasion the other day — the retirement of her father, Maj. Ronald Ferguson, as deputy chairman of the Guards Polo Club.

Fergie, in her first public engagement since the birth, presented an inscribed polo mallet to her father, joined three cheers in his honour and looked on in concern as the ceremony reduced him to tears.

Gossipy said Ferguson, 56, was fired from the \$48,000-a-year job he held for eight years because of a much-exaggerated touch of scandal earlier this year over his visits to a "massage parlor."

"I have not resigned," Fergie



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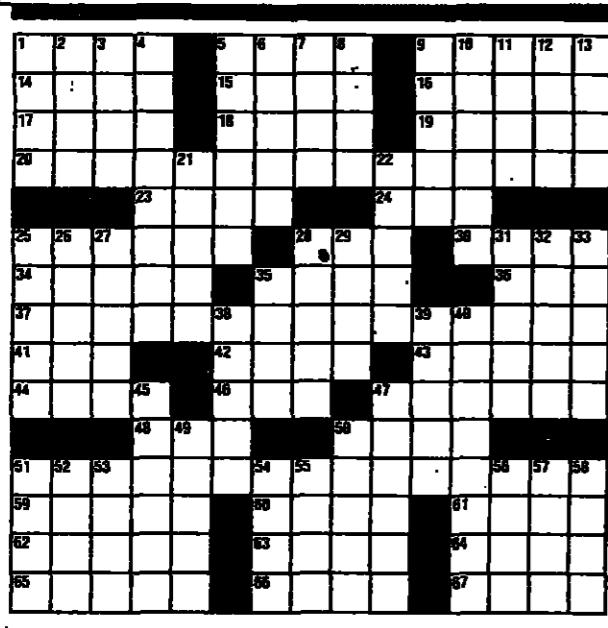
gossipy insisted, "I have not been sacked but I was not re-elected as deputy chairman and was not prepared to accept the alternative position." He said he was "very sad and extremely angry" at the manner of his departure from running the club he joined in 1955.

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With her new daughter, Fergie has been sharing the royal family's annual vacation at Balmoral. Queen Elizabeth's privately owned Scottish estate. Royal gossips said Fergie was much cheered after Andrew's return to duty when "best friend" Diana swallowed her dislike of Balmoral and joined the house party.

Fergie left Beatrice in the care of Diana, the mother of two, when she flew to London for her father's Windsor ceremony.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AQ8 ♦KQJ943 ♦A5 ♦3

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Since partner is a passed hand, you should suppress any slam ambitions you might have had. As a matter of fact, the opponents could have a reasonably cheap sacrifice, and you might not even have a game. All in all, a jump to four hearts does your hand justice.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K7 ♦K1074 ♦AK5 ♦K63

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A.—It's a close decision between one no trump and double. With only one stopper in the enemy suit and the ability to play in any one of the other three suits, we prefer a takeout double.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K7 ♦K1074 ♦AK54 ♦K63

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A.—This time your choice is between one no trump and two diamonds. If you do have a game, it's more likely to be in no trump, where you need only nine tricks, than in diamonds, where you have to take 11. Bid one no trump.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AQ54 ♦AQ93 ♦A102 ♦5

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A.—There are those who believe that a redouble in this situation denies support for partner's suit. We do not agree. Our philosophy is that you show all good hands with a redouble. If your hand includes support for partner's suit, you will show it on the next round.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K1065 ♦A1054 ♦A963 ♦7

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

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Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦J9652 ♦AKJ63 ♦5 ♦A5

Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A.—With two five-card suits, it is correct to respond in the higher-ranking first and then bid the lower-ranking suit twice—that guarantees at least 10 cards in the two suits. So respond one spade. Don't let the difference in the quality of the suits tempt you into making an incorrect response.

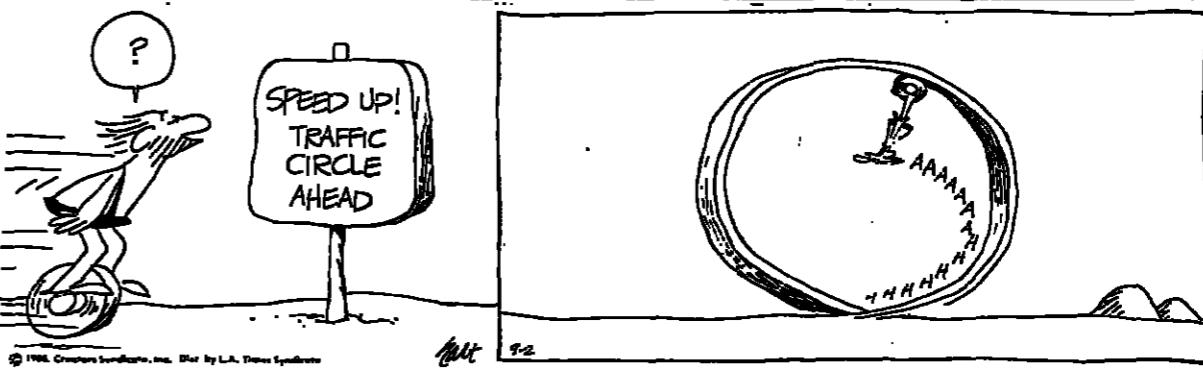
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

B.C.



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will find it easier to do what has to be done. You will have to curb a tendency towards impulsive. You will know how to effect a better balance between reason and emotion. Be prudent.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

This will be a very satisfying but also quite a tense day for you. You should do your best not to get into an argument. Have a little more patience. Be just.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to consolidate something you have gained recently. You should try to become more aware of what is on your partner's mind. A liability to spend more than you can afford should be curbed. Be moderate.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should make sure you do not do anything which might upset your partner. You should not expect others always to agree with you. Look on the bright side and think the best, not the worst, of others. Be more tolerant.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

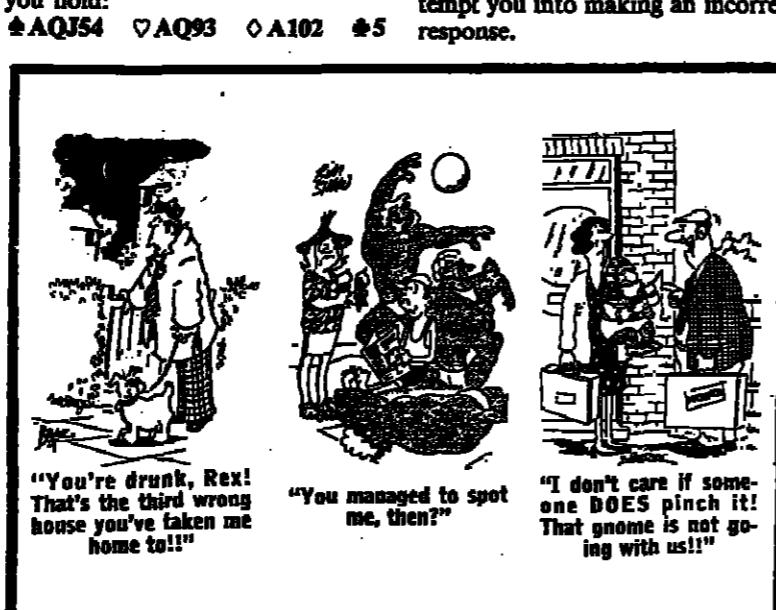
You will be able to view things from a different aspect. You will be better able to maintain your equilibrium. You should avoid eating or drinking more than you know is good for you. Be understanding.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should take a little better care of your health. You will be able to sort out a rather complicated personal situation. A friend will appreciate the sympathy you are showing towards him. Be firm. Be courteous.

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



"You're drunk, Rex!  
That's the third wrong  
house you've taken me  
home to!!!"

"You managed to spot  
me, then?"

"I don't care if some-  
one DOES pinch it!  
That gnome is not go-  
ing with us!!!"

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

This is going to be a pleasing day for you. Make sure you do not spend as if you were made of money. Look out for careless drivers, particularly one who has lost his way. Be sincere.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will feel in

## SNIPPETS

## US asked to foot bill for AIDS victims

THE General Assembly Binding Women for Reforms, Integrity, Equality, Leadership and Action (Gabriela) demanded payment by the United States to hospitality girls, especially those in Angeles City and Olongapo City, who have become sick with AIDS.

Gabriela leaders Nelia Sancho, Lorraine Sarmiento, and Sylvia de la Paz cited statistics by the Department of Health showing that there are now 79 cases of AIDS in the country, 49 of whom are women working as entertainers for US servicemen.

The coalition of 101 women organisations all over the country picketed the DOH building last week to air its demands.

Gabriela said the Aquino government in the ongoing review of the RP-US Military Bases Agreement (MBA).

In a dialogue last week with Gabriela leaders, Health Secretary Alfredo Bengzon and Dr Manuel Dayrit said there is an impasse on the issue of AIDS at the MBA talks.

Bengzon said the US panel in the talks refused to commit any payment of the health cost and material support for Filipino AIDS victims because it would mean open admission of the claim that US servicemen are responsible for the entry of the AIDS virus into the country.

Sancho called on the public to press the government to be firm on the AIDS issue at the bases review talks.

She added that while the government should pursue the indemnification for AIDS victims in the talks, the US military bases should not be allowed to stay beyond 1991.

## Cash benefits for government employees

THE Government Service Insurance System has set aside P65.5 million as cash benefits and dividends to some 1.3 million government employees before Christmas.

Approved by the GSIS Board of Trustees under Resolution No. 326, the cash benefits will go to all GSIS policy holders whose life insurance coverage, whether compulsory or optional, has been in force for at least the year as of Dec. 31, 1987. Members of the Armed Forces and the judiciary are also entitled to the dividends.

Feliciano Belmonte Jr., GSIS president and general manager, said the declaration of cash dividends was the "icing" on a rich package of benefits accorded to GSIS members this year.

## Inflation up 10.8 per cent in Metro Manila

INFLATION climbed to 9.3 per cent in the second quarter of this year due to consumer demand and the effects of a severe drought that struck parts of the Philippines last year, the Central Bank reported.

The consumer price index stood at 8.9 per cent in the first quarter of 1988, the bank said in a report sent Monday to President Aquino and released Wednesday.

The bank said the inflation rate in Metro Manila climbed to 10.8 per cent during the second quarter because of higher food prices.

In the report, the bank noted the second quarter increase was considerably higher than the 2.7 per cent increase in the inflation rate recorded during the same period in 1987.

## Lack of co-operation stalls investigation into human rights abuses

By Glenda M. Gloria

INVESTIGATION of most cases of human rights abuses committed during the 20-year term of deposed President Marcos has been stalled by the lack of supporting documents and the failure of affected parties to co-operate, according to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).

CHR Commissioner Hesiquio R. Mallillin has reported that 998 of 1,463 human rights cases before the commission are "inactive" and cannot be prosecuted. The status of the cases was contained in a recent report submitted to the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA). Copies of the report were given to newsmen by Supreme Court Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan.

Mallillin said the reported cases of human rights abuses during the previous administration ranged from "salvaging" (summary execution), massacre and hamletting by military men in areas affected by the communist insurgency.

The investigation of these cases could not be finished since "parties involved could not be located and had not been replying to various communications sent by the commission," Mallillin said in his report.

LAWASIA is an organisation of lawyers in Asia and the Western Pacific region concerned with the protection of human rights.

Lack of documents and co-operation from witnesses is just one of eight major problems hampering the operations of the CHR. Mallillin said.

He said another major obstacle to giving speedy justice to the victims is the commission's inability to prosecute cases since it is not vested with such powers.

The CHR has urged Congress to pass a bill giving the commission the power to prosecute cases of human rights violations. Unless this is done, Mallillin added, the CHR's ability to assist victims will be "essentially weak and insufficient."

Mallillin also urged the government to support the programmes of the commission by increasing its budget.

This will allow the commission to spend more for the rehabilitation and security of victims and witnesses in human rights cases, he said.



Exhumed bodies of suspected victims of the Marcos regime.

## US bias in textbooks

IF school pupils were surveyed today, it would shock most parents to know that their children would rather be Americans than Filipinos.

Rep. Renato Yap (PDP, Quezon City) said recent surveys conducted by the University of the Philippines and other groups yield this startling finding.

"I blame it on the history books," said Yap, who has been pushing the House of Representatives to take a radical step and order the rewriting of Philippine history through the revision of Philippine textbooks.

The younger generation, even the present crop of Filipinos, tend to believe that we acquired our sense of moral values only when the Americans came," Yap said.

The Yap-sponsored Resolution No. 691 is pending before the House Committee on Education and Culture.

**Imelda's fake paintings**

HONG KONG: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos' collection of 75 old master paintings currently exhibited at the Manila Museum are fakes, the *Far Eastern Economic Review* says in its latest edition.

The paintings are said to be by Titian, Canaletto, Bellini and Botticelli of the Italian renaissance period, the Hong Kong-based regional weekly said.

APP

## Game-fixing racket in professional basketball

By Jun Ramirez

THE National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) confirmed last week in the House of Representatives the existence of game-fixing in professional basketball games of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

But Purefoods officials denied speculations that they benched the team's star player Ramon Fernandez because of the racket.

An NBI official and Purefoods executives testified at a hearing conducted by the House committee on games and amusement board to look into the racket and we are now collating raw intelligence information."

Domingo Panganiban, manager of the Purefoods basketball team, denied reports that Fernandez was benched during the championship series because of game-fixing.

He said Rene Buhain, president and chairman of the board of Purefoods Corp. benched Fernandez "purely as a management decision and

prerogative."

He said rookie players of Purefoods did not want to play with Fernandez after he was quoted in the papers as saying that Purefoods lost in their first five scheduled games with Anejo because "nagkanyanayang mga rookies" (individual play).

"I can only speculate why I was not allowed to play in the crucial matches," he said.

Apparently not satisfied with the explanation of the witnesses, committee members decided to subpoena Buhain to get a first-hand information on why Fernandez was benched.

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## Marcos' 71st birthday bash — more of a three-ring circus

By Belinda Aquino

WHILE the Philippine bureaucracy is in a fizzy trying to keep Marcos out of the country, he is on the offensive in Honolulu demanding his right to return to Manila.

The scene is vintage Marcos. A seven-hour extravaganza of Polynesian and Filipino entertainment punctuated by the still powerful voice of Bert Nievera, a sometime Honolulu resident. Cecile Licad, the piano genius, was also there, but, according to reports, she did not seem enthusiastic about playing for the Marcoses.

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The Fleming hopefuls: (left to right) Charles Dance, Jeremy Irons, and Pierce Brosnan

## Stars line up to play 007 creator, Ian Fleming

By B. Bamigboye

IAN FLEMING, the suave creator of James Bond, is to become the focus of a major international film.

Fleming, who died in 1964, was an inveterate womaniser and rake and shamelessly perpetuated the old school tie image. His life story is as sexy and racy as the Bond stories themselves.

The £3 million film, to be called *Golden Eye*, begins shooting in Jamaica in the spring and the big question among casting agents and director is: Who will play Fleming?

Star names such as Charles Dance, Pierce Brosnan—who, ironically, was at one time tipped to play Bond on film—and Jeremy Irons have been mentioned, but casting cannot be completed until production partners Anglia Television and Crossbow Films have negotiated with Hollywood studio.

Fleming's life story was fascinating. During the war he was Commander Fleming and worked in Naval Intelligence. It was here that James Bond was conceived. He eventually became the subject of 13 books and a series of celebrated movies, originally starring Sean Connery, followed by



Author Ian Fleming: the suave creator of James Bond. His life story is as sexy and racy as the character of James Bond himself.

Roger Moore and Timothy Dalton, that have made millions around the globe.

Fleming never actually spied or went on active service, but he was in a unique position to deploy and work with men who were prototypes for his classic hero.

Co-producer Mark Grenside told me: 'Fleming was one of the most handsome men in

England and women found him irresistible. We're not making a James Bond film out of his life.

'We will show what he did in intelligence during the war and how he lived life to the full in London and at his home, Golden Eye, in Jamaica.

The 90-minute TV film, developed by film-maker Don Boyd, is based on a script by Reg Gadney.

## Goldberg joins Star Trek

LOS ANGELES. (AP): Comedienne-actress Whoopi Goldberg has been cast as an alien humanoid hostess of an on-board lounge aboard the starship Enterprise for the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* television series.

Goldberg's character, Guinan, will be a recurring role, according to a release. That means she won't be on every episode of the show, which enters its second season.

"I've always been a trekkie, so I thought it was time for me to boldly go where no man has gone before," said Miss Goldberg, 32, referring to the original *Star Trek* show's opening line describing the mission of the starship Enterprise.

Goldberg has starred in several movies and won a Golden Globe and an Academy Award nomination in 1985 for her role in *The Color Purple*.

The "ten-forward" lounge where Goldberg's character will preside is new to the series, and will give its writers a chance to show characters relaxing off-duty.

"We had been looking for someone to play an unusual role in a very different kind of starship set," said series executive producer and creator Gene Roddenberry. "It wasn't until we learned of Whoopi's interest in our show that the idea finally began to gel. We look forward to the new dimension she will bring to our series."

Goldberg has starred in *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, *Burglar*, *Fatal Beauty*, and *Clara's Heart*, which will be released in October.

The Comedienne, noted for her dreadlock hair-style and oversized clothing, has also starred in several cable television specials, including the two "Comic Relief" shows to aid the homeless.

## Anti-racist film appeals to rednecks

By Stephen Pile

A NEW film designed to expose the ugly face of American racism has provoked a strong reaction from white supremacists: they love it and are flocking to see it. This has dismayed black leaders and civil rights activists who had praised the film for its anti-racist message.

Betrays tells the story of a government investigation into a violent group of white racists in the American Midwest. An FBI agent, played by Debra Winger, goes undercover to investigate the shooting of a talk show host, suspected to be the work of an armed racist group.

Winger meets and falls in love with a handsome farmer, played by Tom Berenger, the *Platoon* star. In the first half of the film, Berenger is portrayed as a sympathetic character in a homely Norman Rockwell-like setting. He is loving to his children and kind to animals. He carries a gun but cannot bring himself to shoot a faithful old horse which needs to be put down.

Later Berenger shows himself as a twisted killer who believes that his way of life is threatened by blacks and Jews. But in a reaction which caught United Artists, the studio that made the film, by surprise, racist groups have embraced the character as martyr to their cause.

### Shocked

"We're pushing the movie and recommending it to all our friends," Tom Metzger, a former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, said. Metzger said the movie portrayed racists as "pretty reasonable people, good people living in the Heartland who are concerned about their country".

The National Association for the Advancement of White People claims that its recruiting efforts have been boosted by the film. On the other side, the anti-racist Jewish Defense League said it had been taunted

Debra Winger and Tom Berenger in Costa Gavras' film *Betrayed*.

by racist callers saying the movie showed how they were going to take over the country.

Judy Schwam, senior vice-president for publicity at United Artists, said the racist reaction was sick and had shocked the studio. Nonetheless, she thought the film was important because it made people think about the problem of racism.

Her own 18-year-old daughter had not known the meaning of a burning cross until she saw the film, Schwam said.

Betrays is directed by the Greek film-maker Costa Gavras, whose previous movies—about political assassinations in Greece (Z) and American involvement in the military dictatorship in Chile (*Missing*)—set off equally fierce debates. He defends it as a much needed dose of realism for American audiences.

Some critics have questioned the film's authenticity, particularly the most harrowing scene, in which a young black

said.

But critics are bitterly divided over *Betrayed*. Peter Rainer, writing in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, said: "Costa Gavras' portrayal is supposed to be a shocking expose of murderous, ultra-rightist fanatics in Middle America, but it's almost as deranged as the people it's indicting. Since this is the season for movie pickets," he said, referring to the wave of demonstrations against *The Last Temptation of Christ*, "show about a few family-farmer pickets outside theatres playing *Betrayed*? As hate letters to the Heartland go, *Betrayed* is right at the top of the compost heap." Other critics, however, have praised it and urged their viewers and readers to see it.

All this controversy has made the film a resounding hit, taking \$17m (£10m) at the box office since its premiere last month.

## Sending the Vietnam war home by US mail

Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam, an emotional history of the war, winner of two Emmy Awards, has now been released for the big screen to weeping audiences across the United States.

By Solange De Santis

TORONTO, (Reuters): *Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam* starts with a laugh and ends in tears.

The film opens with the giggles of a 1963 hit "Wipe Out" by the Surfaris and scenes of American soldiers surfing and splashing in the waves at Chindia beach, South Vietnam.

It ends with actress Ellen Burstyn — and most of the audience — weeping as she reads a mother's letter, written in 1984, to the son who had been killed in Vietnam 15 years before.

"This is an emotional history of the war. My intent was to make a film that Vietnam vets (veterans) would see and say, 'someone told our story,'" said director William Couture after the film was shown this month at the Toronto Film Festival.

Shown earlier this year on US cable's home box office, *Dear America* opened in 50 cities in the United States and Canada last week. HBO plans overseas distribution later.

HBO, which financed the \$1.1 million film, Corsair Pictures, which produced it, and United Artists, the distributor, will donate 75 per cent of the profits from the theatrical



A soldier on duty in Vietnam.

destruction," wrote Corporal Kevin MacAulay of the 3rd Marine Division.

But as the war dragged on, the tone became weary.

"I feel like an old man now. I have seen enough of war and its

and Robin Williams, accompany film shot by the US television network NBC news, the Defence Department and the soldiers themselves. Every frame is authentic no scenes

were recreated, Couture emphasised.

"I only had a few minutes of night fighting and I was tempted to make some night footage, but I said no. Everything you see was real," said Couture, who was rejected from the Vietnam draft due to poor eyesight and described himself as an "anti-war protester with hair down to here."

Couture said he was inspired by the veterans themselves to use music with the letters.

"Over and over, when I interviewed them, they said how out of it they felt over there. They said two things made them feel connected to the 'world' — music and letters," he said.

Actor and Vietnam veteran Richard Chaves, who narrated some of the letters, agreed.

The letters, the pictures and the rock and roll all brought back for him memories of the terror, excitement, disgust and camaraderie of war.

"I can get through most of the film, but by the time Ellen Burstyn comes on, I'm a heap," Chaves told reporters after the premiere.

The letter Burstyn reads was left at the Vietnam war memorial in Washington by Eleanor Wimbish. It is to her son, William Stocks of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.

She wrote: "They tell me the letters I write to you and leave here at this memorial are waking others up to the fact that there is still much pain left, after all these years, from the Vietnam war."



Tom Cruise: Paul Newman calls him 'killer'.

## Hollywood's latest heart-throb

By Ivor Davis

PAUL NEWMAN calls him "Killer". Dustin Hoffman cornered him in a cafe in New York City and said, "I want you to work with me." Producer Bob Cort, whose film *Three Men and a Baby* teamed up three of Hollywood's most handsome stars (Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg), says, "The camera adores him so much there is a risk that he comes out looking more gorgeous than his leading lady."

These well-known Hollywood figures are talking about Thomas Cruise Mapother IV, known to millions of moviegoers as Tom Cruise.

When Cruise starred as young pilot Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell in the box-office hit *Top Gun* (1986), enrollment in the Navy's pilot school more than quadrupled. When Newman shared the screen with Cruise in *The Color of Money* (1986), the long-awaited sequel to Newman's classic pool-hall drama *The Hustler* (1961), the sport came alive again all over the United States. Newman, who selected Cruise to play young pool-cue wizard Vincent Wanda \$31 million.

Exhibitors are confident that the momentum can carry through into the autumn, which will have a strong line-up of potential hits such as *Punchline* with Hanks and Sally Field and *Moon Over Parador* starring Richard Dreyfuss.

Even *Rambo III*, which has raked in \$53.6 million, was something of a disappointment given the phenomenal success of Sylvester Stallone's previous portrayals of the indestructible John Rambo.

With Cruise in his latest film "Cocktail" as a cocky, yet naive, bartender who teams up with an acid-tongued veteran (Bryan Brown), the profession of serving drinks is likely to be transformed into a glamour job.

In person the object of all this ballyhoo is shy. His blue eyes flash when I ask if "cocky bastard" image from *Top Gun*,

recalls, "Every year we moved to a different Southern town and had to make new friends. But we were a close family. We all worked to pay our way. I cut grass and delivered papers. My sisters waitressed and baby-sat. We couldn't afford new clothes so I wore my cousins' hand-me-downs. I ran around in oversized tennnis shoes and sloppy sweaters."

At 14 Cruise considered entering the priesthood. "I went to a Franciscan monastery school because they were subsidised by Procter & Gamble," he says. "They put clothes on my back and fed me; I needed that structure."

Another problem separated Cruise from most other teenagers: He suffered from dyslexia. "Even today I have to learn to adapt because of it," says Cruise. "In the early days it was either sink or swim because if I didn't do something it would be harder to focus. I wasn't always as disciplined as I am now."

Cruise is currently working on *Rainman*, playing Charlie Babbitt, a self-destructive boiler-room worker who discovers that his older brother (Dustin Hoffman) is an idiot savant.

No one doubts that Cruise is enjoying his life. In his last three movies he worked with some of Hollywood's top actors.

"Do you have six hours for me to tell you what I've learned?" he asks. "I've learned where to focus my energies so I'm not doing everything. I'm doing all the stuff that Dustin and Paul did 25 years ago. It's invaluable. I'm picking up years of knowledge and it's saving me sleepless nights."

## Hollywood happy with successes

## Block-buster comedies make it a record summer

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES, (Reuters): A rabbit suspected of murder and an African prince looking for love have helped to break box-office records for Hollywood this summer.

Three films—*Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, *Coming To America* and *Crocodile Dundee II*—have already grossed over \$100 million each and another called *Big* is well on the way to joining them.

Art Murphy, movie analyst of the show business journal *Variety*, predicted record summer box-office receipts of \$1.7 billion. "In the past, one or two films and one or two studios have

done the majority of the business," said Jim Sheehan, president of Mann Theatres, which has 460 screens in the west and southwest of the United States.

Some entertainment industry commentators say that summer cinema audiences have been swollen by people fleeing from television screens dominated by reruns and political conventions.

Coming To America, with Eddie Murphy as a lovelorn African prince, and *Cocktail*, with heart-throb Tom Cruise, proved that star appeal can often triumph over negative critical reviews.

But Milton Moritz, vice-president of advertising at Pacific Theatres, has a simpler explanation: "You had a good slate of films and, as history shows, once people get in the

habit of going to movies they go more often."

"If they see a good film, they'll want to go again."

If the summer hits have a common denominator, it is that they are basically light fare. "I don't think you have any 'message' films in there," said Moritz, whose company operates about 200 screens on the West Coast.

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Even *Rambo III*, which has raked in \$53.6 million, was something of a disappointment given the phenomenal success of Sylvester Stallone's previous portrayals of the indestructible John Rambo.

Perhaps the most surprising bit of the season was *Big*, starring Tom Hanks, which fared far better than all other variations on the theme of boys being magically transformed into men.

Other surprises include the offbeat comedies *Bill Durham* (\$46 million) and *A Fish Called Wanda* (\$31 million).

Exhibitors are confident that the momentum can carry through into the autumn, which will have a strong line-up of potential hits such as *Punchline* with Hanks and Sally Field and *Moon Over Parador* starring Richard Dreyfuss.

"There's a lot of film and a lot looks good," Moritz said. "We're optimistic that business should hold up."

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"We always had food on the table but it was a battle," Cruise

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Hamar urges bond issue to offset oil price drop

DUBAI, Oct 1. (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates could issue bonds for the first time to help to finance a budget deficit caused by falling oil prices, Central Bank Governor Abdul Malik Al Hamar was quoted on Thursday as saying.

Hamad told the Khaleej Times that the budget deficit next year was likely to be higher than this year and "bond issuing would remain an attractive alternative" to oil revenue.

"There are enough financial resources (in the UAE) to warrant a good-size domestic issue," he said. Bonds would also stimulate the economy by financing government spending, he said.

Hamad noted that other Gulf Arab states such as Kuwait had issued bonds, adding that governments could also raise money by imposing taxes.

### Plans

The Finance Ministry has said several times this year that it has no immediate plans to issue bonds to finance the budget deficit, which reached 2.76 billion dirhams (\$45 million) last year.

The 1988 budget has not been published, but the government has said this year's deficit is likely to be slightly lower.

The price of oil, the UAE's main source of revenue, has slumped this year to about \$6 per barrel below the OPEC benchmark price of \$18.

## Exchange firm names new chief



H.V. Rangaswamy

VETERAN banker and experienced analyst H.V. Rangaswamy has been appointed as the new managing director of Kuwait India Int'l. Exchange Co.

Rangaswamy has served in almost all departments of the State Bank of India in various capacities during his 29 years of tenure in the bank. Before being appointed in Kuwait, Rangaswamy was the deputy general manager at the Coimbatore regional office of the SBI, having 164 branches under his control.

Prior to that he was also the deputy general manager of the New Delhi regional office for three years. The New Delhi regional office comprised of 194 branches with deposits of Rs. 14,000 million and advances of Rs. 4,000 million. During Rangaswamy's tenure there was a growth of Rs 8,000 million in business in the module.

He has also held other important assignments such as chief officer of small industries and small business banking, at the central office in Bombay, was human resources development manager at the Hyderabad head office and was on the faculty of the bank's Staff College at Hyderabad.

Rangaswamy did notable work in the field of financing small scale industries. His rich and varied experience will benefit the Indian community in Kuwait and the company he is now heading.

Apart from being an accomplished bank executive, Rangaswamy has an affable personality and is approachable to everybody at all times. He takes keen interest in sports, especially cricket and hockey, music and literature.

He was the chairman of the souvenir committee of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Society, Delhi from 1985 to 1988. The Indian community here will have ample opportunity to meet Rangaswamy during his three-year stay in Kuwait.

## Tokyo share prices drop

TOKYO, Oct 1. (AP): Share prices fell moderately at the start of half-day trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange today morning following a strong gain the previous day.

The Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues, a 223.54-point winner on Friday, dropped 104.93 points, or 3.8 percent, to 27,818.74 points shortly after the market opened for trading.

## Scheme most succinct and rewarding

# SBI to issue new bonds to NRIs

By M.C. Bose

THE State Bank of India is issuing a new bond exclusively for the benefit of non-resident Indians (NRIs) and persons of Indian origin. K. Govindan, general manager of the bank (overseas) for the November.

Govindan said the bonds were to be redeemable after seven years in Indian rupees at the rate of exchange prevailing at that time. The bonds along with the interest will be completely free of income, wealth and gift taxes.

### Transferable

He said bonds will be transferable after three years between NRIs or could be gifted to resident Indians after that period. The bonds will continue to remain free of all Indian taxes even after the permanent return of the non-resident Indian.

The bonds will be offered only to NRIs, but can be jointly owned by a second name holder who can be either a non-resident or resident Indian. Premature encashment is also permitted after three years. An investor can avail loan to the extent of 75 per cent, Govindan added.

### Incentives

The government is considering various incentives for making non-repatriable investment in India more attractive, vis-a-vis repatriable investment. India needs more foreign exchange. The NRI bond issue, one of the schemes which will bring more foreign exchange.

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exchange rate fluctuations, particularly rupee depreciation against the US dollar. The actual rate will be fixed just before the issue opens. The formal launching of the scheme is set for November.

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### Importance

Govindan told the Arab Times the then Indian Finance Minister N.D. Tiwari has mentioned in his 1988 budget the importance of the new scheme exclusively designed for the benefit of non-resident Indians. It was significant on many fronts:

Introducing a new financial instrument which has been designed in foreign currency like the US dollar for NRIs. The phenomenon is not that uncommon. But many investors in business find the scheme most succinct and rewarding.

### Denominations

The bonds will be in the denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and will carry interest at 11.5 per cent per year compounded annually.

The scheme also gives the investors security net against

foreign exchange.

"India's rate of foreign bor-

rowers has declined considerably whereas its pace of savings growth rate has accelerated. Our savings only second to Japan in the whole world. Japan is considered to be the highest saving nation in the world," Govindan said.

### Funds

The bank also set up two funds worth total Rs 20 million to give technological upgradation to medium and small scale Indian industries and export promotion.

The bank is also planning to open an NRI branch in Bombay to deal with only NRI operations. A new exchange house was opened in Muscat last month mainly to look after NRI interest in that country.

The SBI delegation also addressed a seminar on Wednes-

day, which was organised by Kuwait NRI Investors Forum.

Indian Embassy Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha presided the seminar. NRI forum President C.S.S. Khanpuri, Vice-Presidents Mohan Menon, and Rajan Nireshwala were also present.

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Picture shows from left to right M. Lall, C.S.S. Khanpuri, Atish Sinha, K. Govindan, Rajan Nireshwala and Mohan Menon.

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### Income

SBI's NRI Services manager M. Lall also addressed the gathering.

He said one of the tax concessions available to NRIs is that when they return to India permanently, they may continue to pay tax on their income from specified foreign exchange assets at 20 per cent till they transfer or convert these assets into money.

Specified assets here mean Central Government securities plus debentures and deposits with Indian public limited companies, he said.

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"Of these the deposits with public limited Indian companies merit careful consideration," he said.

Whether or not the State Bank of India, as incorporated under the State Bank of India Act 1955, is an Indian company, for the purpose of this tax concession was a matter of debate, he said. "I am delighted to inform you all NRIs in Kuwait that we have since received a written clarification from the Ministry of Finance.

Government of India, that State Bank of India is an Indian company in terms of the definition of an Indian company under Section 2(36) of Income Tax Act.

As such the concessional rate of tax under Chapter XII A of I.T. Act 1961 is applicable to SBI deposits," he said.

## World Business Summary

### US-Soviet grain pact to lapse for first time

WASHINGTON, Oct 1. (Reuters): For the first time since Washington and Moscow signed a historic grain trade agreement over 12 years ago, the US-Soviet grain pact appears about to lapse without a new accord in place. The current five-year agreement, the largest commercial pact of its kind, expires on September 30. Reagan administration sources involved in negotiations to draft a new agreement said it now seems certain the long-standing accord will expire before a new pact is approved. But government and grain industry officials were unconcerned about life without an agreement and said going without an official pact for a short time will not disrupt grain trade between the United States and the Soviet Union. "There's no gloom and doom going around. Everyone assumes that a new agreement will be completed in short order," said Steve McCoy, executive director for the North American Export Grain Association, a consortium of major US exporters. "My feeling is that it (a new agreement) could be wrapped up in one more session," said Thomas Kay, head of the Agriculture Department's Foreign Agricultural Service and a key member of the US negotiating team. A formal grain agreement between the two trading giants was first implemented in the 1970s to prevent Moscow, the world's biggest grain buyer, from unexpectedly buying huge quantities of US grain and disrupting American markets. The agreement is not binding, and Moscow has sometimes failed to honour its terms but the accord is still viewed as a symbol of good faith between the United States and the Soviet Union. It assures US farmers of a certain share of the Soviet grain market and gives the Soviets assurances that the Americans will supply a certain amount of grain every year.

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## Mitsubishi's Galant chosen Japan's Car of the Year

By Lima Al Khalafawi

MITSUBISHI Motors has introduced the new 1988 Galant, Colt and Lancer models which they claim are more comfortable and especially designed for humid and desert climates.

The Dubai office of Mitsubishi Motors recently invited journalists from various countries of the Middle East to see their latest models and learn more about the cars and their accessories.

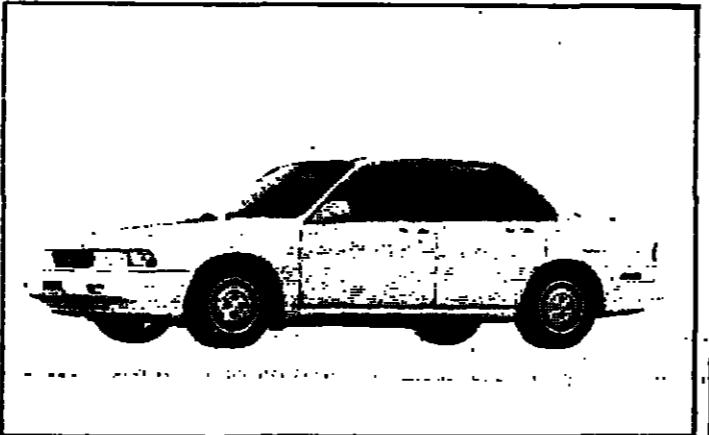
Mitsubishi's Galant was chosen Japan's "Car of the Year" for 1987-88, said Y. Yoshida, Mitsubishi's director and deputy corporate general manager of the Office of International Business.

At a press conference in Dubai last Tuesday, he said the Galant was rated number one over 46 cars by nine automakers due to its quality and performance.

### Technology

Yoshida added that the new Galant is a high-performance car, containing an amazing amount of sophisticated new technology that includes a powerful and responsive engine with refined suspension and efficient brakes.

He said the new car embodies elegance and the latest technology and is crafted to deliver the excitement demanded by



The Galant 2000 Super Saloon

today's car buyer.

Journalists were later taken for a test drive to enable them to assess the performance of the new models.

Behind the steering wheel, the driver finds an active environment. The large odometers are designed for at-a-glance viewing.

The car's five-speed manual transmission has a light and positive shifting action.

The Galant's 14-inch ventilated front disc brakes coupled with a 9-inch vacuum booster and rear eight-inch drums with leading and trailing shoes provide the car with sure, safe

## Qatar sees steady growth for construction sector

LONDON, Oct 1. (KUNA): Careful management of the economy has left Qatar well placed to take advantage of the predicted oil price recovery in the 1990's, according to an analysis issued here today.

Given the current degree of pessimism, says the Investment Advisory Service market logic, "the possibility of a buying panic that could follow an abrupt easing of the Federal Reserve's current tight-money policy exceeds the likelihood of a replay of last fall's plunge."

The "bargain-hunters" made their presence felt in the past week, as the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 22.23 to 2,112.91, moving within hailing distance of the post-crash high of 2,158.61 it reached on July 5.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite index rose 1.19 to 153.57 and Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market gained 2.72 to 387.71; and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index was up 2.52 to 301.63.

Volume on the Big Board remained sluggish. Averaging 134.94 million shares a day against 140.23 million the week before.

Most market optimists' views right now are based on the assumption that the economy is losing some of the momentum it developed in the first half of 1988, but still growing enough to steer clear of recession.

One problem with that view, say the skeptics, is that slower growth may mean disappointments in corporate earnings over the next several quarters.

The flattening profit trend will be a negative influence on equity markets, say economists David A. Levy and S. Jay Levy in the current edition of their newsletter Industry Forecast.

If you want to pick up stocks cheap, the old argument goes, you need to buy them when nobody else wants them.

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## Alshall stock price indices

## Kuwait trade volume surges despite gloom prevailing in the market

KUWAIT, Oct 1, (KUNA): The Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 42.76 points with an increase of 0.07 point — 0.2 per cent over last week's average, Al Shall economic consultants reported today.

Alshall index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 47.75 points with a decrease of 0.95 point — 2 per cent for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 29.38 million shares at a daily average of 5.88 million shares with an increase of 16.9 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 5.03 million shares.

## Decrease

Gulf traded shares reached 4.36 million shares at a daily average of 0.87 million shares with a decrease of 64 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.44 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD10.846 million at a daily average of KD 2,169 million, an increase of 29 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1,680 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD 0.324 million at a daily average of KD 0.065 million a decrease of 51 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.134.

Despite attempts of participants to do their best at fixing the prices of shares, the market still shows weak signs, more so on the Gulf shares side.

The Kuwaiti shares market the banking sector came first at 55.5 per cent of total trading in which the Gulf Bank had the lead at 30.5 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 22 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 13.6 per cent.

## Trading

Second came the real estate sector at 16 per cent of total trading, of which Kuwait Projects Company led at 62.5 per cent followed by Kuwait United Realty at 19.5 per cent and Kuwaiti Real Estate at 18 per cent.

The services sector came third at 12 per cent of total trading. Mobile Telephone Systems led in that sector at 65.5 per cent, followed by Kuwaiti commercial markets at 28 per cent, and Public Warehousing Company at 3.5 per cent. For the Gulf shares market, the financial sector led at 81 per cent of total trading volume.

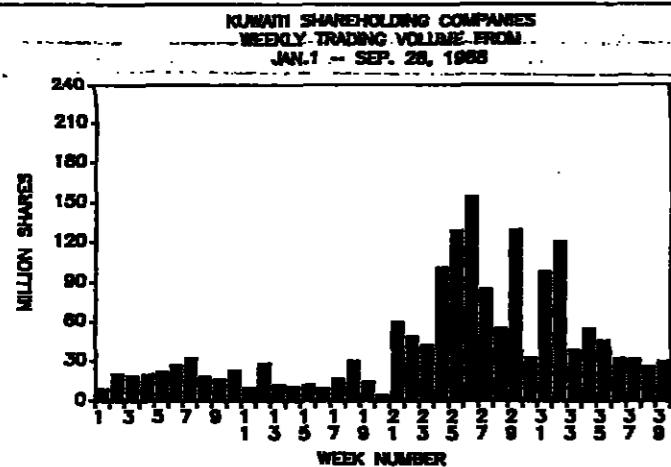
Coast Investment and Development Company led in both markets at 53 per cent, followed by Bahrain Middle East Bank at 17.4 per cent and Ras Al Khaima White Cement at 17 per cent.

The report said that all attempts to increase or stabilise share prices by intervention are not feasible.

The only guarantee for a stable and active market lies in permitting share prices to freely reflect their true competitive values, meaning their actual financial performance, present as well as forecasted, for each company independently, the weekly report concluded.

## Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 28/09/88	Wednesday 21/09/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	108.56	106.53	2.03
The Gulf Bank	36.05	35.63	0.41
The Commercial Bank	28.31	27.87	0.44
Al Ahli Bank	37.00	37.00	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	34.20	34.20	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	31.75	32.54	-0.79
Burgan Bank	31.71	31.22	0.50
Kuwait Finance House	81.64	80.12	1.51
Overall Index	47.75	48.69	-0.95
Base Period 31/12/1983.			

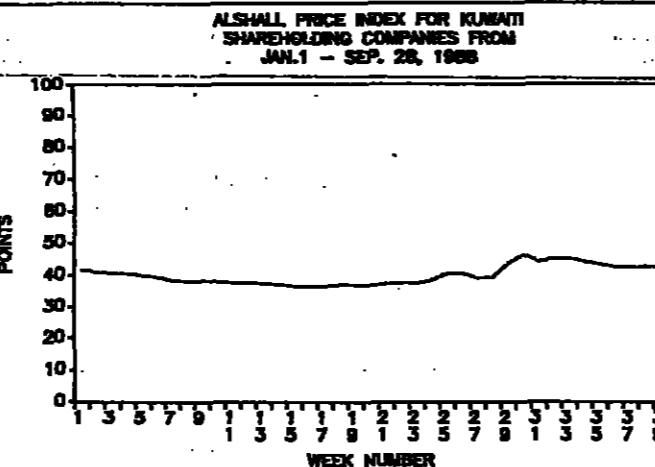


Sector Index	49.27	48.69	0.58
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	28.28	29.02	-0.73
Kuwait Int. Inv. Co.	25.77	26.12	-0.34
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	82.54	82.54	—
IFCA	73.53	73.53	—
Commercial Facilities	122.50	123.75	1.25
39.27	39.84	-0.57	
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.68	39.68	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	51.28	51.28	—
Warba Insurance Co.	79.04	79.04	—
40.75	40.75	—	
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	30.08	30.08	—
United Realty	11.39	11.84	-0.45
National Real Estate	41.41	42.60	-1.19
21.24	21.67	-0.43	
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	91.14	92.24	-1.10
Gulf Cables	112.10	112.10	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	91.56	90.67	0.89
36.21	36.24	-0.03	
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	192.24	192.24	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	81.82	82.83	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	35.95	36.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	357.14	361.90	-4.76
58.78	68.57	-0.79	
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	46.79	47.19	-0.41
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	82.87	82.87	—
Kuwait Food Co.	72.41	73.36	-14.94
Sector Index	42.76	45.47	-2.72
Overall Index	42.76	42.69	0.07

## Gulf shareholding companies index

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Financial Companies	163.16	163.16	—
First Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
United Gulf Bank	92.41	93.79	-1.38
Bahrain Internat. Bank	87.32	87.32	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	61.03	61.03	—
Gulf Investments Co.	99.05	99.05	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	54.89	61.83	-6.96
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Grd.	53.03	53.03	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	62.84	64.17	-1.33
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	10.53	10.53	—
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	25.00	25.56	-0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
Sector Index	16.09	16.24	-0.14
Overall Index	47.75	48.69	-0.95
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## IMF projects 3.9pc growth rate for industrial nations

## World economy is on the 'right track'

NEW YORK, Oct 1, (UPI): International financial leaders meeting this week declared the world's economy to be "on the right track," the government's leading economic indicators gained 0.4 per cent and the battle for MacMillan Inc.

In Berlin, the joint annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank reaffirmed current market-based strategy to reduce the 31.2 trillion Third World debt.

The three-day summit, as seen from speeches in the plenary sessions, reached a broad consensus on the US principle that in dealing with the developing world's debt there would be no transfer of risk from private to public sources.

Such a shift had been demanded in the past by commercial banks, which hold 70 per cent of the debt in middle-income coun-

tries in Latin America and 20 per cent of the debt in bankrupt African nations.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of IMF, denied at a news conference that he was at odds with the United States over policies of the 151-nation lending institution.

"The world economy is on the right track," Camdessus told the final meeting of the conference. "But time and care are needed to ensure that all countries can benefit."

In its world economic outlook presented before the three-day summit, IMF projected a 3.9 per cent growth rate in 1988 for industrial nations, 1.1 per cent higher than envisaged in April.

Despite a 0.9 per cent increase in economic performance from August 1987 to August 1988, it is still the slowest since the recession year of 1982, when the index dropped 4.4 per cent from August 1981 to August 1982, the bureau said.

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**Slipped**

Overnight dealt at eight and nine per cent from Thursday's 10-1/2 per cent highs, while tomorrow and spot-next funds were bid several points below Thursday at six per cent with few or no deals.

Workers have staged several protest marches in Yugoslavia following the introduction in May of a government austerity programme which allowed substantial price hikes and hefty wage cuts.

The fixed dates slipped up to 3/8 point from Thursday in dull trade. Dealers quoted the one-month at 7-1/8, 6-7/8 per cent and the two through six-month at seven 6-3/4 per cent.

**Rating**

The average rating of all 112 nations, Institutional Investor says in its September issue, hit "an all-time low of 38.7" in its September survey.

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Average country credit ratings have been sinking at a particularly fast rate since August 1982, when Mexico's announcement that it could not meet its foreign debt payments signalled the beginning of a Third World debt crisis that still continues to deepen six years later.

Third World debtor nations now owe an estimated \$1.2 trillion to foreign banks, governments, international credit institutions and other global creditors. The total debt continues to grow as the debtors nations fall further behind on their payments of principal and interest.

**Survey**

Institutional investor notes that in its September survey that except for "the lingering effects of lower oil prices on such oil exporters as Algeria, Nigeria and Trinidad, the upturns and downturns largely reflect unique domestic issues — a country's handling of debt or trade or ethnic disputes."

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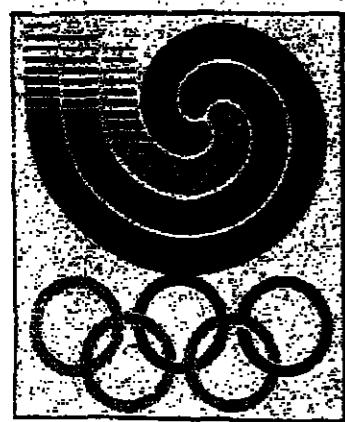


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ROMANIAN WINS WOMEN'S 1,500 METRES

# Kenyans reign supreme in track finale

SEOUL, Oct 1. (Reuters): Kenyans Peter Rono and John Ngugi, together with Romanian Paula Ivan, revived the thrilling art of front running in an action-packed programme as the track spectacular wrapped up at the Seoul Olympics today.

The Kenyans have now won four athletics titles and with only tomorrow's marathon to be decided, Africans have an excellent chance of sweeping every men's event from the 800 metre upward.

Nine finals were decided in a hectic three and a half hours, climaxing with world record and world record-equalling performances in the 4x400 metres relay.

## Anchored

The Soviet women's team broke the four-year-old East German mark to beat a United States team anchored by triple gold medallist Florence Griffith-Joyner.

The American men's team then equalled the oldest track record on the books when their three 400 individual medallists, anchored by world record holder and silver medallist Butch Reynolds, clocked two minutes 56.16 seconds to match the mark set by the US quartet at the Mexico Olympics 20 years ago.

Ivan set the tone for the individual track finals when she took the lead from the start of the women's 1,500 metres.

The 25-year-old Romanian led the field by five metres at 800 and increased her margin to 10 at the bell.

The remainder of a high-class



Rono (668) leads Elliott (418), Harold (468) and Cram (415) towards the finish line. (Reuters wirephoto)

field were left fighting for the minor placings as Ivan swept down the home straight to win in three minutes 53.96 seconds, the second fastest time ever.

Her victory margin of six

seconds was the biggest since the women's 1,500 was introduced to the Games in 1972.

Rono, whose first overseas trip was to Seoul four years ago when he won two world junior



Bryzgina (left) crosses the finish line ahead of Griffith Joyner in the 4x400m relay. (Reuters wirephoto)

titles, lurked near the back of the 1,500 metres field for the first two laps.

The 21-year-old university student took the lead with two laps to run and remorselessly

stepped up the pace.

At the bell Rono led from American Jeff Atkinson with Britons Peter Elliott and Steve Cram third and fourth.

As the field came into the final

straight Rono still led by a clear margin and he raced to victory with his right arm raised high and a broad smile on his face.

The Kenyan, who comes from the west Kenyan Nandi tribe and studies in the United States, clocked three minutes 35.96 seconds.

Elliott was second in 3:36.15 and East German Jens-Peter Herold snatched the bronze from Cram in 3:36.21.

Rono's win was remarkable. Ngugi's 5,000 metres victory verged on the miraculous.

The 26-year-old soldier, who won his third World Cross-country Championship this year, has been plagued by knee problems.

But today he displayed breath-taking confidence to break with 10 laps to go and lop to victory in 13:11.76, easily the fastest time in the world this year. The rest of the field struggled in his wake.

The relays, the traditional climax to major athletics championships, supplied their full share of excitement.

World and Olympic champion Olga Bryzgina anchored the Russian team to victory in 3:15.18, more than half a second faster than the previous mark.

Griffith-Joyner, running her first major 400 for five years—40 minutes after winning her third gold in the 4x100 metres relay—could make no impression on the flying Russian although she still clocked an unofficial 48.2 seconds.

Bryzgina, however, was still swifter, recording an unofficial 47.9.

Turkey's hero to quit weightlifting

ISTANBUL, Oct 1. (Reuters): Turkish sports hero Naim Suleymanoglu said today he was quitting weightlifting after winning the country's only gold medal at the Seoul Olympic Games.

"I was already thinking of leaving after the Olympics. Everything must be left in due time. I have decided to leave weightlifting," the stocky champion told the Anatolian news agency.

## Handball event

THE Soviet Union countered a beefed-up Korean second half defense to win the gold medal in men's Olympic team handball yesterday, 32-25. Yugoslavia won the bronze medal earlier by beating Hungary, 27-23. This was the reverse of Friday's situation, when the Korean women's team defeated the Soviet women for the gold medal, 21-19. The Soviets ended up with the bronze and Norway with the silver.

## Water polo

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MSHVENIE-RADZE scored four goals to lead the Soviet Union to a seesaw 14-13 victory over West Germany and the bronze medal in Olympic water polo yesterday. The Soviet team, knocked out of contention for the gold by the United States Friday, quickly opened the game with four unanswered goals, including two by Mshvenieradze. The Soviets led 5-1 at the end of the first period.

## Judo competition

TEARS mingled with sweat as heavyweight Hitoshi Saito grabbed a gold medal for Japan in the last bout of the Olympic judo competition. The week's fighting has seen Japan's dominance of the sport shattered. The rest of the world has caught up in the grueling martial art. Saito, the defending champion, beat East Germany's giant Henry Stoehr in a defensive final and the Japanese wept with joy.

## Judo medal

MICHAEL SWAIN of the United States has been awarded the Olympic bronze judo medal stripped from Britain's Kerrith Brown after he failed a dope test, the International Judo Federation (IJF) said yesterday. IJF president Sarkis Kalogian said Swain, the world champion beaten by Brown in their light-weight category bronze medal fight, would probably be presented with the medal today. Brown had already handed it back, he added.

## Men's kayaking

GREG BARTON won the United States their first two gold medals in men's kayaking in light finishes at the Olympic canoeing yesterday. The 28-year-old Californian engineer came out just ahead in the one-man and two-man 1,000 metres kayak finals.

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## Duet title

CAROLYN WALDO clinched her second Olympic synchronised swimming gold medal when she and Canadian partner Michelle Cameron won the duet title yesterday. American sisters Sarah and Karen Josephson outlasted the Canadians in the concluding free routine but Waldo and Cameron had established a virtually unbeatable lead in Wednesday's compulsory figures.

## Drug scandals

THE Olympic movement's anti-doping chief said yesterday he would fight a proposal to drop weightlifting from future games because of a string of drug scandals in Seoul. Prince Alexandre de Merode, head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, said weightlifting's world governing body was at the forefront of anti-doping and that a ban could destroy the sport.

**Olympic basketball** THE Soviet Union broke the US stranglehold on Olympic basketball in Seoul for only the second time. But professional players could be in the next Olympics to put America firmly back in control in Barcelona. This time round the Russians triumphed over the US in the semifinals and then beat Yugoslavia to gain their second Olympic basketball gold, further evidence of the sport's widening pool of talent.

## S. Korean archers

SOUTH KOREA'S archers struck Olympic gold twice yesterday, winning both the inaugural men's and women's team events. Individual champion Kim Soo-Nyung led her team to victory with a total of 982 points. Indonesia came second, beating the United States in a three-arrow shoot-off after both teams tied of 952.

## Koreans and Chinese sweep medals

SEOUL, Oct 1. (AP): South Koreans Yoo Nam-Kyu and Kim Ki-Taek finished one-two in men's singles table tennis and China swept the gold, silver and bronze medals in women's singles competition at the Olympics today.

Yoo defeated Kim 17-21, 21-19, 21-11, 23-21 to win the men's championship, while Chen Jing took the women's gold with a 21-17, 21-16, 21-23, 15-21, 21-15 triumph over Chinese teammate Li Huiwen.

Sweden's Erik Lindh earned the men's bronze medal with a

fourth game to go ahead 20-19 but couldn't hold off the 20-year-old left-hander.

Huifan, down two games to none, rallied to force the women's final to five games. She fought off match point in game 3 after Chen rallied from a 20-17 deficit to take a 21-20 lead and retarded the momentum through game 4.

Chen, 20, regained control midway through the final game. She scored six consecutive points to pull away from a 9-9 tie and had no trouble closing out the one hour, 15-minute match.

**Said Aouita**  
MOROCCAN

newspapers expressed shock and sadness yesterday that Said Aouita failed to win a gold medal at the Seoul Olympics.

Aouita, who promised so much, had to settle for a bronze in the 800 metres. The mass-circulation daily Al Alam said the Moroccan's demise was a 'sad surprise,' but added, 'What happened to Aouita happens to all champions and he is after all a human being ... one must ask whether whether his decision to run the 800 metres was wrong.

"I stayed in the hotel (in Seoul) and Jamie mixed my drinks," Johnson said. "He told me it was

an energy builder and contained sarsaparilla and ginseng. I never mixed my own drink. Jamie told me what was in it."

Johnson won the gold medal in

the race but had it taken away two days later after Olympic officials said he had tested positive for banned anabolic steroids.

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## Athletes accused of faking tests

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 1. (AP): An anonymous letter accusing some athletes of submitting phony urine samples after their Olympics events was given to the International Olympic Committee today.

The tenacious Kim looks unbeatable and if Tews can withstand his whirlwind attacks and win he will have more than earned his gold.

Three other Americans—super-heavyweight (over 91 kg) Riddick Bowe, light-heavyweight (81 kg) Andrew Maynard and light-middleweight (71 kg) Roy Jones—will also appear in the last six fights of the tournament.

Bowe's opponent Lennox Lewis could perhaps provide the toughest test as he bids to become the first Canadian boxing gold medalist since 1932.

Australian light-welterweight (63.5 kg) Grahame Cheney will try to win his country's first-ever boxing gold when he fights the Soviet Union's Vyacheslav Yanovski.

Two outsiders—Italy's Giovanni Parisi and Daniel Dumitrescu—will contest the featherweight (57 kg) final.

The six fights will end the biggest, toughest boxing tournament in Olympic history. A record 440 fighters from 107 countries entered.

They could be joined on the

## Kenyan wins first boxing gold for Africa

SEOUL, Oct 1. (Reuters): The United States and East Germany each won two Olympic boxing golds today and Kenya's Robert Wangila battered his way to an historic first for black Africa.

The American and East German triumphs were expected, but not welterweight (67 kg) Wangila's knockout defeat of France's Laurent Boudouan.

The stylish Frenchman was expected to jab his way to a points victory over the raw Kenya, a powerful puncher who lacked Boudouan's top-class experience and polished technique.

## Floored

Wangila's right hook, a sight to behold, was not to be thwarted and the Nairobi brewery worker floored the Frenchman in the second round to win black Africa's first boxing gold.

"It's the first time I've been knocked down in 90 fights ... it really hurts," said Boudouan who also hit the canvas from the same punch in the first round.

But he took the defeat sportingly and, much to the relief of the organisers, so did the local fans when South Korean heavyweight (91 kg) Baik Hyun-Man was felled by American Ray Mercer.

After soaking up a flurry of

punches that had the fans on their feet, Mercer wended Baik with body blows before landing a perfectly timed left to jaw in the last minute of the first round.

"The Hulk," as he is known

here, toppled and was given an eight count by the referee who then judged him too dazed to continue.

Merger leaped and whooped in triumph, leaving the crowd to console themselves with the prospect of seeing two other South

Koreans in tomorrow's concluding session of finals.

The clear-cut win was met by only a few derisory jeers from the home fans, still smarting at the American media's splash coverage of a shaming ring invasion last week.

US bantamweight (54 kg) Kennedy McKinney avenged Ivalin Hristov's defeat of light-heavyweight (48 kg) Michael Carballo by lifting the gold in a thrilling bout with another Bulgarian opponent.

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Mercer (left) and Hristov leap into the air after winning gold medals. (Reuters

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Richest race

DUBLIN, Oct. 1. (Reuter): The first running of the Cartier Million, the world's richest horse race for two-year-olds, was won at Phoenix Park today by 7-1 chance Corwyn Bay. Trained by ex-jockey Tommy Stack, who won the 1977 Aintree Grand National on Red Rum, Corwyn Bay struck the front a furlong (200 metres) from home and went on the land the 500,000 Irish punts (\$700,000) first prize by a length.

## Sicilian tennis

PALERMO, Sicily, Oct. 1. (AP): Top-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden qualified for the semifinals in the \$123,400 Sicilian Tennis Championships yesterday, fighting back to defeat unseeded Italian Claudio Panatta 4-6 6-2 6-3. Third-seeded Argentine Guillermo Perez-Roldan and fourth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria also gained semifinal berths.

## Clark ahead

SOUTHPORT, England, Oct. 1. (Reuter): Ryder Cup international Howard Clark shrugged off a shoulder injury to make a determined bid for the English Open golf championship at Royal Birkdale today. The Englishman grabbed an eagle and three birdies in a third-round 67 to move into second place behind Irish pacemaker Des Smyth on six-under-par 210.

## 1998 Games

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 1. (Reuter): The city of Anchorage, which finished third in the four-city race won by Lillehammer, Norway to host the 1994 Winter Games, will press forward with its Olympics quest and bid for the 1988 Games. Anchorage Organising Committee (AOC) chairman Rick Mystrom said on Thursday the first step would be to gain the US Olympic Committee (USOC) nomination as America's bid city.

## Colour slides

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (Reuter): A messenger found two sealed cardboard boxes marked Seoul, Korea, and Sports Illustrated lying on the pavement in hustling Manhattan and liked what he saw inside — 3,000 colour slides from the Olympic Games. Police said Roberto Garcia took the boxes back to his office, showed them around the office and then took them home on Thursday evening.

## King Hussein wins hillclimb

AMMAN, Jordan, Oct. 1. (AP): Jordan's motor racing monarch proved yesterday he's king of the hill by topping 60 competitors in an annual automobile race.

King Hussein, 52, drove his Mercedes-Benz 200 up the 3-kilometre Rumman hillclimb course north of Amman in a record time of 2 minutes, 4 seconds to recapture a title he first won in 1956.

Second place went to the king's eldest son, Prince Abdullah, who finished in 2 minutes, 5 seconds.

Abdullah won the event last year when it was revived after a 20-year hiatus following the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The king is an avid pilot and was a successful go-cart racer and rally car driver in his youth.

## NEWCASTLE SURPRISE LIVERPOOL

## Millwall move to top of League

LONDON, Oct. 1. (Reuter): Millwall, playing in the English soccer First Division for the first time in their 103-year history, went to the top of the League today when they beat fellow-London club Queen's Park Rangers 3-2 at home.

Millwall began the day in third place but went top as leaders Norwich and second-placed Liverpool both stumbled.

Norwich suffered their first defeat of the season when they went down 3-1 to visiting Charlton, while Liverpool, unbeaten at home in the League since March 1987, were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at Anfield by second-bottom club Newcastle United.

## Equalised

Millwall, still unbeaten, have 14 points from six games and are followed by Norwich (13), Liverpool (11), Southampton (11) and Manchester United (11).

Irish international Tony Cascarino put Millwall in front after 12 minutes and although Rangers' veteran forward Trevor Francis equalised in the 32nd minute the First Division newcomers quickly assumed command.

Cascarino scored again in the 37th minute and co-striker Terry Hurlock struck the third two minutes later.

Martin Allen reduced the deficit in the 71st minute but QPR's misery was complete when Francis missed a penalty. Norwich made an encouraging

start when Andy Linighan put them ahead after 16 minutes against Charlton but goals from Paul Williams (23 and 66) and Paul Mortimer (60) ended the Canaries' brief stay at the top.

Liverpool threatened to overrun Newcastle when defender Gary Gillespie scored in the third minute.

But inspired by the play of record-signing goalkeeper Dave Beasant, United recovered their poise and Scottish midfielder John Hendrie scored a splendid equaliser on the half-hour mark.

Newcastle, knocked out of the League Cup 3-0 by Third Division Sheffield United in mid-week, then turned the formbook upside down when Brazilian striker Mirandinha scored the winner with an 83rd minute penalty.

Manchester United shared the points in a four-goal thriller at Tottenham in a match in which both sides enjoyed periods of ascendancy.

Chris Waddle put Tottenham ahead in the 38th minute, United took the lead through Mark Hughes and Brian McClair in the 43rd and 71st minutes, then Paul Walsh rounded off the scoring four minutes from time.

Tottenham's expensive signing Paul Stewart, playing his first game since his summer transfer from Manchester City, missed from the penalty spot two minutes from the end.

The highest scoring game in



Mirandinha

the division was at Coventry where visiting Middlesbrough took all three points with a spirited 4-3 victory.

Their display was rough justice on Coventry's Scottish striker David Speedie who scored a hat-trick only to finish on the losing side. Speedie's lesser-known fellow-Scot Bernie Slaven achieved the same feat for

## Results

## English Division One

Coventry 3 M'brugh 4

Liverpool 1 Newcastle 2

Millwall 3 Q.P.R. 2

Norwich 1 Charlton 0

Notts Forest 0 Luton 0

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Southampton 2 Derby 2

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West Ham 1 Arsenal 1

Wimbledon 2 Everton 1

English Division Two

Birmingham 3 Barnsley 5

Bradford 2 Portsmouth 1

Brighton 2 Leeds 1

Chelsea 2 Leicester 1

Crystal P. 4 Plymouth 0

Hull 0 Walsall 0

Manchester C. 1 Blackburn 0

Oxford 4 Shrewsbury 1

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Watford 2 Swindon 1

West Brom 1 Ipswich 2

English Division Three

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Chesterfield 1 Bury 2

Huddersfield 2 Fulham 0

Manfield 1 Notts County 1

Northampton 6 Aldershot 1

Preston 3 Southend 2

Reading 3 Chester 1

Wolves 3 Port Vale 3

Wigan 2 Blackpool 1

English Division Four

Colchester 1 Lincoln 3

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Rochdale 2 Crews 1

Rotherham 1 Exeter 1

Scunthorpe 0 Scarborough 3

Stockport 2 Doncaster 1

Torquay 3 Leyton O. 1

Wrexham 1 Peterborough 1

York 5 Halifax 1

Canadian team

SEOUL, Oct. 1. (Reuter): The Canadian Olympic team will leave Seoul with its reputation tarnished, Abby Hoffman, the director of Sport Canada, said today.

The nation which pinned its medal hopes on the muscular shoulders of Jamaican-born Ben Johnson saw its reputation sink with his disqualification for taking a banned steroid.

"The Canadian team will leave Korea with a big black mark on its name," said Hoffman.

Results

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Reagan (left) handles play-by-play developments during the Chicago-Kansas City match. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Boston win AL East crown despite defeat

His appearance with the Cubs broadcast team was also piped out live by a national television news station so that a nationwide cable audience got to hear how Reagan handled play-by-play developments.

"And there goes a ball down over second base and it's a hit out into centre field one run is in," the stand-in announcer said.

He got a lot of practice at this sort of thing as a young baseball announcer known as "Dutch" Reagan on Who Radio in Des Moines, Iowa, in the 1930s. From there, Hollywood beckoned.

Reagan helped commentate on the first inning and then excused himself, saying: "I have to move along now. The job I presently have is calling me but not for long."

## Results

## American League

## Three players reach Open semifinals

THREE players reached the semifinals of the under-12 group at the 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel courts.

The three players, Hussain Al Ashwak, Fahd Sami Al Ibrahim and Michael Khowatil, will be joined in the semifinals by the winner of the Khaled Al Gharabally-Saud Abdullatif and Rodolp Thompson (Yarmouk) will play against each other to decide the champion.

The under-18 singles event has also reached the semifinal stage while the quarterfinals in the same age-group will start

tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the organising committee has invited five professional players, all coaches of local clubs, to play in the tournament from tomorrow.

Demian Sancilio (national team), Naji Abdulhadi (Al Arabi), Robson (Qadisiya), Ali Abdulmutti (Ramada Salam) and Rodolp Thompson (Yarmouk) will play against each other to decide the champion.

Results of matches played on Friday morning and evening are as follows:

Morning: Yousef Al Ibrahim bt Rashed

Evening: Yousef Al Ibrahim bt Adel Al Qatami 6/3, 6/4, Aiman Al Ashwak bt Feras Helmi 6/3, 6/1; Yousef Al Shamali bt Tareq Al Aghbari 6/4, 6/1; Tareq Al Aghbari bt Abdulsalam Marzouk 6/2, 6/4; Ahsraf Mohammad bt Hamed Hajeb (default); Adel Al Shatti bt Shadi Mohammad Al Shami 6/2, 6/2; Walid Al Baamri bt Khaled Al Gharabally 6/2, 6/2; Walid Al Baamri and Aslam Ahmed (default); Mohammed Al Ali & Emad Bu Hamad bt Karim Dabbous and Yasser Dabbous 6/1, 6/1; Waled Salah & Hassan Qubani 6/1, 6/3; Mohammed Badar & Badar Al Hamad bt Waled Al Salam and Adel Al Hajri 6/1, 6/1; Saeed Salih & Bushra George of Peter John and Albert 6/1, 6/4.

Evening: Yousef Al Ibrahim bt Adel Al Qatami 6/2, 6/1 semifinal; Ghadah Barakat bt Randa Sader (default); Carine Berti bt Suhailah Abdulla Gharabafar 6/1, 6/1.

## Nepomuceno takes overall lead

EDWIN NEPOMUCENO, a Filipino, took the overall lead with a remarkable round of 586 after the second week of the Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) Grand Prix bowling tournament at Club 300 over the weekend.

Nepomuceno scored 182, 150 and 254 in three games to shake off a strong challenge from the other bowlers. He also took the High Game with his 254 pins in the last game, breaking the old record of 239.

Nafez Al Aqras, a Palestinian and 1988 Masters champion, was second with 582 while Nashat

Mohammed, another Palestinian, was third with 578.

The other bowlers who were in the top 13 were Celso Estrada, Flor Tongson, Tino Ocampo, Archie Nanta, Lando Caburao, Arthur Reyes, Boy de Los Santos, Mansoor Al Shatti, John Kasper and Komaruddin.

In the women's section, Filipina Cora Paras took the top spot with a total of 526 pins. Rookie Edna Abenoja was second with 389.

Meanwhile Kay & Associates won their 4th game by default in the 4th round of the first PBAK Inter-commercial Bowling

League at the 300 Club on Thursday and Friday.

In the other games on Thursday, Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh Int'l thrashed Magnolia Ice Cream 4-0 and Phil Supreme blasted Shuaiba Public Ports Authority 4-0.

In Friday's matches 300 Club edged Hatid Ligaya 3-1 and Magnolia Ice Cream overcame Al Naqee